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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

Shanghai, August 28th, 1937.

The Emergency Food Committee,
Attention:
Room No. 602, S.M.C.
SHANGHAI.

Dear Sir,

In case of shipping 30,000 bags of wheat flour by native boats of Soochow Creek to some of our sole agents and wholesale dealers in interior cities and country towns around Shanghai, we hereby apply for your kind consideration to issue your permission order with the following nature:

20,000 bags of flour to be shipped from our mill No. 2 along West Soochow Road near Mokanshan Road and
10,000 bags of flour to be shipped from mill No. 7 along the Creek at the end of Chengtu Road.

As we are still transporting native wheat into the Settlement, the above shipments will of course not minimise the food supply of foreign concession.

Thanking you for your kind accommodation and awaiting your permission at any moment.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Gen. Manager.

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

Shanghai, August 31st 1937.

The Chairman,
Rice Sub-Committee,
Emergency Food Committee,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

re: Stocks of Flour and Wheat

In reply to your letter of yesterday, we beg to state the following stocks of our concern:

Flour	91,227 bags
Wheat 512,130 piculs @ 1.5 per picul after milling	<u>768,195</u> "
Total flour	859,422 bags

The above figure includes the stock of Hwa Foong Flour Mill which is under our management and excludes those of our mills Nos.1 and 3 which are beyond Settlement.

Kindly take note and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Gen. Manager.

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August 31, 1937.

The General Manager,
Foh Sing Flour Mills Co.
421 Wingse Road,
HONG KONG.

Sir,

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of August 31 as to stocks of flour now held by your good selves in the Foh Sing Flour Mill.

My Committee hope that the situation will permit of an early resumption of milling at your mills.

The request contained in your letter of August 28, that permission be accorded for the removal of 50,000 bags of flour, has received considerable approval. It is a pleasure in informing you that no essential activity is hereby granted. In this connection, I wish to inform Miss E. M. Winder, (Room No. 502 Administration Building) of the intended date of movement of the flour so that the Police may be informed and the necessary facilities may be arranged.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that you should obtain a permit for the removal of additional stocks.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. Beesley,
Secretary.

Emergency Supplies & Fuel Sub-Committee.

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NO. 1, 2 & FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

and

SUNG HING COTTON S. SPINNING & DYEING CO.

Head Office.

421 Fiangse Road.

Shanghai, April 26th, 1938

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: EXPORTS OF SHANGHAI FLOUR

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following report which shows the up-to-date condition of Shanghai Flour:

Flour Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill
Hwa Foong Mill
Fou Foong Mill

Total in bags

250,000
23,000
130,000
403,000

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill 120,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill 100,000 "
Outside Godowns 60,000 "
Floating 60,000 "
(Boochow Creek) 340,000 piculs

@ 1.9

646,000

Grand Total of
flour

1,049,000

The local consumption of this month is not more than last month in average, whereas the wheat import is rather heavy that we have started to operate another mill of our compound. Therefore, the Settlement people would not feel any deficiency of flour supply and in order to keep the mills' turnover in usual condition, we hope you will kindly consider the above condition and grant the mills a further permission under which they could export part of their stock.

We beg to remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,
FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

(Sgd.)

Gen. Manager.

April 26th, 1933.

The Secretary:
Supplies and Fuel Committee.

CHINESE INDUSTRIAL CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. 12300 / 12
Date 26 / 4 / 33

Stocks of Wheat and Flour

Held in Shanghai.

A check made by this section of the stocks of wheat and flour held by the larger concerns in the Settlement today - exclusive of that held by dealers and shops - shows that there are 400,000 bags of wheat (expressed in available bags of flour) and 462,000 bags of flour.

Foh Sing Mills report that wheat is coming in from the Soochow and Quinsan districts, but that supplies from Tungchow have been held up by lack of transport.

Fou Foong Mills report that although wheat is coming in regularly, a temporary stoppage is feared. Japanese authorities are said to be preparing to raise the tax on incoming wheat from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per bag, and it is possible that merchants will cease shipments in protest.

(Sgd.) Hewi Alley

Industrial Section.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I. Special Branch *Stated*

REPORT

Date *May 2, 1938*
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
CENTRAL REGISTRYSubject *Present Flour Situation.*No. *F 2900 / 146*Made by *and* Forwarded by *D.I. Grant* Date *3/5/38*

In accordance with the instructions of the D. C. (Special Branch), enquiries have been made regarding the present stock of flour and that of wheat held in Shanghai, and the following particulars have been obtained :-

There is a total of 443,000 bags of flour at present in Shanghai, but this does not include stocks in possession of local flour dealers and shops; of wheat there are 322,000 piculs and the distribution of those commodities is given hereunder :-

Name of Concern	Flour	wheat
Foh Sing Flour Mills	270,000 bags	110,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	23,000 "	
Fou Foong Flour Mill	150,000 "	92,000 "
Cereal Hongs		70,000 "
On boats afloat in the Soochow Creek		50,000 "
	443,000 bags	322,000 piculs

The Foh Sing No.2 and No.7 Flour Mills, 5 West Soochow Road, and Lane 1073, 50 Chengtu Road, and the Fou Foong Flour Mill, 128 Mokanshan Road, and the Sing Dah Flour Mill, 3 Macao Road, are working at present on an irregular schedule but these mills have produced during the past month some 400,000 bags of flour. With their present stocks of wheat, those mills will be capable of producing a further 620,000 bags of flour.

The local rate of consumption of flour at present is approximately 7,000 bags a day, which figure includes some 2,000 bags supplied to places around Shanghai. In

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addition to this, some 250,000 bags of flour have been exported during the month of April to Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Fokien. During the course of enquiries it was learned that some 90,000 bags were exported without permits issued by the S.M.C., being despatched in small quantities with consignments which were being exported under permits.

It is considered that the present stock of flour and the amount available from the milling of the stock of wheat in hand, is sufficient to last for about two months. The wholesale price of flour ranges from \$4.28 to \$4.35 per bag, and the retail price from \$4.35 to \$4.40.

Of the remaining 80,000 bags of flour which were left in the godowns in Pootung (Vide Special Branch report dated April 1, 1937), a further 70,000 bags have been removed and exported from Pootung to North China ports.

Supplies of wheat are continuing to arrive from the interior more or less regularly, and it is estimated that about 250,000 piculs of wheat have arrived during the past month. Enquiries amongst the flour dealers, learn that should no disruption take place to retard the supplies of wheat, there will be no cause for anxiety over the supplies of flour. The price of wheat is \$5.90 per picul.

C. Crawford
D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

421, Kiangse Road,

Shanghai, June 9, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of May 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks :</u>	<u>Total in bags :</u>
Foh Sing Mill	326,000
Fou Foong Mill	<u>70,000</u>
	396,000

<u>Wheat Stocks :</u>	
Foh Sing Mill	82,500 piculs
Hwa Foong Mill	9,000 "
Fou Foong Mill	130,000 "
Outwide Godowns & Floating	<u>100,000 "</u>
	321,500 piculs @ 1.9 <u>610,850</u> /
Grand total of flour <u>1,006,850</u> bags	

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

Foh Sing Flour Mills Co.

C. T. Tsien

for Gen. Manager.

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Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,
June 13, 1938.

SUBJECT

Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Stocks held in
Shanghai at the end of May, 1938.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a police report.
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File No.

S.1, Special Branch *1414*

REPORT

Date June 12, 1938.

Subject: Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Stocks held in Shanghai at the end of May, 1938.

Made by: D.S. Henchman

Forwarded by: *1414*

Enquiries regarding wheat and wheaten flour show that stocks as shown in the following table were held in Shanghai at the end of May:-

<u>Name of Concern</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	326,000 bags	82,500 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill		9,000 "
Fou Foong Flour Mill	70,000 "	130,000 "
Cereal Hongs		100,000 "
	<u>396,000 bags</u>	<u>321,500 piculs.</u>

(N.P. The figures in the above table do not include stocks held by local retail shops).

The quantities of flour referred to above together with the stocks of wheat available for milling, are considered sufficient to fill local wants for a period of two months. The rate of consumption at present varies between 6,000 and 7,000 bags of flour per diem; added to this are some 1,500 bags which are daily supplied to places in the Shanghai environs. The wholesale price of best quality flour is \$3.90 per bag and the retail price \$3.95 to \$4.00 per bag; this represents a reduction of approximately 40 cents per bag when comparing prices with those available on May 2.

Flour exported during May totals some 180,000 bags and of these, 30,000 were despatched without the necessary S.M.C. permits.

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As regards flour mills, the Foh Sing Nos. 2 and 7 and the Fou Poong are operating on what are practically normal schedules. The Sing Dah Mill operates irregularly and the Hwa Poong Mill expects to open on June 13.

The mills referred to in the foregoing paragraph have sufficient wheat stocks on hand to produce a further 610,850 bags of flour.

The situation regarding wheat is as follows:-

According to dealers, the wheat to be harvested this year is, for the greater part, destined for the Shanghai market, military operations in the interior having curtailed provincial demands. No shortage is, therefore, contemplated, unless there is dislocation of transport facilities, flour dealers claiming that with all mills in operation and sufficient wheat available, they can produce a total output of over 80,000 bags per diem. Local needs will absorb but a small portion of this total and the dealers state that if the mills are to resume full operations the S.M.C. restriction on export will have to be lifted.

During May some 250,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai from the interior. This increase on last month's figures is attributed to the fact that the current harvest has begun to arrive. The price of wheat is \$4.00 per picul, a drop of \$2.00 per picul compared with statistics for April. Last year's wheat is selling at \$3.60 per picul.

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Although the information contained in this report covers the month of May, conditions regarding both wheat and flour had not materially altered on the date of forwarding i.e. 12th June.

During the course of enquiries it was learned that the authorities at the Toyoda Cotton Mill levy a tax of 30 cents on each bag of wheat that passes the mill on its way to Shanghai via the Soochow Creek. The Japanese authorities do not, however, levy a tax or require a permit where the export of flour is concerned, a tax of 10 cents per bag being imposed at the mills.

Flour is being exported, it is stated, through the Customs but no duty is paid.

[Handwritten Signature]

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D.C. (Special Branch)

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CENTRAL INDEXING

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Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

JULY 1938.

SUBJECT

Heat and Heaten Flour - stocks in Shanghai
at the end of June, 1938.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Acting Secretary,
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report dated June 30, 1938.
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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

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Shanghai, July 2, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of June 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>		<u>Total in bags:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill		170,000	
Fou Foong Mill		90,000	
Hwa Foong Mill		<u>20,000</u>	
		280,000	280,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>			
Foh Sing Mill	180,000 piculs		
Fou Foong Mill	80,000 "		
Hwa Foong Mill	50,000 "		
Outside Godowns a Floating	<u>80,000 "</u>		
	390,000 piculs @ 1.9		<u>741,000</u>
	Grand total of Flour		<u>1,021,000</u> bags.

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Gen. Manager.

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S.1, Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date July 30, 1938.

Subject Wheat and Wheaten flour - stocks in Shanghai at the
end of June, 1938.

Made by D.S. HenchmanForwarded by C. G. ...

Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour at present held

in Shanghai are listed as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	180,000 bags	180,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	20,000 "	50,000 "
Fou Foong Flour Mill	90,000 "	80,000 "
Cereal Hongs		100,000 "
	290,000 bags	410,000 piculs

The stocks referred to in the above table are considered sufficient for a period of approximately two months. The local rate of consumption varies between 6,000 and 7,000 bags of flour per day. In addition to flour consumed locally, 250,000 bags were shipped to ports in South and North China, and 50,000 bags were despatched to the interior.

Wholesale price of flour at present is \$4.15 per bag, and the retail price \$4.20 per bag; this represents an increase ranging from \$0.20 to \$0.25 per bag as compared with prices at the beginning of June.

Four flour mills operated during June, i.e. Foh Sing No.2 and No.7, Fou Foong and Hwa Foong mills. These mills produced during the period under review, some 400,000 bags of flour, and have sufficient wheat stocks on hand to produce a further 760,000 bags.

As regards wheat, some 300,000 piculs arrived in Shanghai from the interior during June; this is an increase of 50,000 piculs on figures for May. The price of wheat varies from \$4.50 to \$5.20 per picul, showing an increase

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of \$0.90 to \$1.20 per picul.

According to dealers, crops in Kiangsu and Chekiang this year, are fairly good but owing to military operations the total wheat harvest will be half that of normal years. Even with this shrinkage it is not anticipated that the local market will experience shortage providing all wheat harvested is sent to Shanghai.

D. C. (Special Branch)
D. S.

D. C.. (Special Branch)



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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

421 Kiangse Road.

Shanghai, July 31st, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of July 1938:-

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>		<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill		130,000
Fou Foong Mill		80,000
Hwa Foong Mill		<u>55,000</u>
		265,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>		
Foh Sing Mill	170,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill	150,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill	20,000 "	
Outside Godowns & Floating	<u>200,000 "</u>	
	540,000 piculs @ 1.9	<u>1,026,000</u>
Grand total of flour		<u>1,291,000 bags</u>

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

(Sgd.)

Gen. Manager.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., Special Branch. *44144*

REPORT

Date August 2, 1938.

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of July, 1938, are listed as follows:-

<u>Name of owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Shing Flour Mills	130,000 bags	170,000 bags (piculs)
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	55,000 bags	20,000 bags
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills	80,000 bags	150,000 bags
Cereal Mongs		110,000 bags
	265,000 bags	450,000 bags.

The stock of flour referred to above, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand, is considered sufficient for a period of approximately seven weeks. The local rate of consumption is in the region of 7,000 bags a day. In addition to flour consumed locally, 350,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China, during the month of July, and this figure also included the quantity despatched to the interior. It is learned that a certain quantity of the flour exported was not covered by the S.M.F. passes, and this was removed from the flour mills by boats on the Soochow Creek and loaded on ships lying in the middle of the Whangpoo, without using the jetties of the Bund.

The present price of flour is \$4.50 per bag, showing an increase of about \$0.25 per bag during the period under review.

Five flour mills are operating at present, i.e. Foh Shing No. 2 and 7, Fou Foong, Hwa Foong and Sing Dah flour mills. These mills produced during the past month, a total of some 550,000 bags of flour.

As regards wheat, approximately 320,000 piculs arrived

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in Shanghai from the interior during July. The present price of wheat varies from \$5.45 to \$5.95 per picul, showing an increase of approximately 16%. The increase in the price of wheat is believed to be ^{due} ~~owing~~ to the fact that heavy demands for the commodity have recently been made by wheat dealers in the interior. According to the records of the Shanghai Municipal Police, approximately 20,000 bags of wheat were exported from Shanghai to Tientsin during the month of July.

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D.C. (Special Branch)

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Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

August 3, 1938.

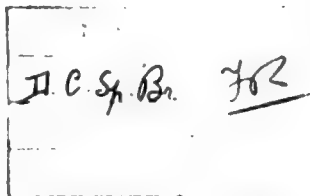
SUBJECT

Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Stocks
in Shanghai at the end of July
1938.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Acting Secretary,
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report dated August 2, 1938.
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August 2, 1938.

Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour

Stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of July, 1938, are listed as follows:-

<u>Name of owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Shing Flour Mills	130,000 bags	170,000 bags (piculs)
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	55,000 bags	20,000 bags
Fou Foong And Sing Dah Flour Mills	80,000 bags	150,000 bags
Cereal Hongs		<u>110,000 bags</u>
	265,000 bags	450,000 bags

The stock of flour referred to above, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand, is considered sufficient for a period of approximately seven weeks. The local rate of consumption is in the region of 7,000 bags a day. In addition to flour consumed locally, 350,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China, during the month of July, and this figure also included the quantity despatched to the interior. It is learned that a certain quantity of the flour exported was not covered by the S.M.P. passes, and this was removed from the flour mills by boats on the Soochow Creek and loaded on ships lying in the middle of the Whangpoo, without using the jeties of the Bund.

The present price of flour is \$4.50 per bag, showing an increase of about \$0.25 per bag during the period under review.

Five flour mills are operating at present, i.e. Foh Shing Nos. 2 and 7, Fou Foong, Hwa Foong and Sing Dah flour mills. These mills produced during the past month, a total of some 550,000 bags of flour.

As regards wheat, approximately 320,000 piculs arrived



in Shanghai from the interior during July. The present price of wheat varies from 5.40 to 10.95 per picul, showing an increase of approximately 16%. The increase in the price of wheat is believed to be due to the fact that heavy demands for the commodity have recently been made by wheat dealers in the interior. According to the records of the Shanghai Municipal Police, approximately 20,000 bags of wheat were exported from Shanghai to Tientsin during the month of July.

Certified true copy.

H. C. Eardley

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FOH SING & FOH SING FLOUR MILLS
and
SUNG SING COTTON SPINNING & WEAVING CO.

421 Kiangse Rd.

Shanghai, August 31st, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of August 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>		<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill		145,000
Fou Foong Mill		82,000
Hwa Foong Mill		<u>73,000</u>
		300,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>		
Foh Sing Mill	150,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill	120,000	
Hwa Foong Mill	20,000	
Outside Godowns & Floating	<u>150,000</u>	
	440,000 piculs @1.9	<u>836,000</u>
Grand total of flour		<u><u>1,136,000</u></u>

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Sgd. C. T. Tsai
General Manager.

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Ref. No. F.2907/143

Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

August 31, 193 8.

SUBJECT

STOCK OF WHEAT AND WHEATEN FLOUR.

The Acting Secretary,

The Commissioner presents his compliments to.....S.....M.....C.

and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of Police report.

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S.I., Special Branch *14/14/38*

REPORT

Date August 31, 1938.

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Logan *7/14/38*

The present flour situation in Shanghai is normal. The following table represents the stock of wheat and wheaten flour in Shanghai at the end of August, 1938:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	145,000 bags.	150,000 piculs.
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	85,000 "	20,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Mills	73,000 "	120,000 "
Cereal Hongs		130,000 "
	<u>303,000 bags</u>	<u>420,000 piculs</u>

The stock of flour referred to above, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand, is considered sufficient for a period of approximately one month. The local rate of consumption is in the region of 7,000 bags a day. In addition to flour consumed locally, 700,000 bags of flour were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China in August. This figure is double the quantity exported during the previous month, but according to flour dealers, it is expected that the amount exported during the coming month will decrease in consequence of the outport dealers having placed orders for flour from Australia, which is cheaper than the local product.

The present price of flour ranges from \$4.45 to \$4.50 per bag.

Five mills, Foh Sing Nos. 2 and 7, Fou Foong, Hwa Foong and Sing Dah, are operating at present, and produced during August a total of 950,000 bags of flour.

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The supply of wheat from the interior was and will continue to be sufficient. Approximately 450,000 piculs arrived in Shanghai during August. The price of this commodity showed a slight increase, the present prices varying from \$5.80 to \$6.05 per picul.

M. J. G.
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

Foh Sing Flour Mills
421, Kiangse Road,
Shanghai.

Shanghai, October 1st, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of September 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	205,000
Fou Foong Mill	60,000
Hwa Foong Mill	<u>110,000</u>
	375,000

<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill	57,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	40,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	9,000 "
Outside Godowns & Dealers	<u>200,000 "</u>
	306,000 piculs @ 1.9 <u>581,400</u>
	Grand total in flour <u>956,400</u>

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,
Sgd. C.T. Tsai
Gen. Manager.

I.C.S.B.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
HEADQUARTERS	
CENTRAL REGISTRY	
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Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

October 3, 1938.

SUBJECT

Stock of wheat and wheaten flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to Acting Secretary,
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of Police report.

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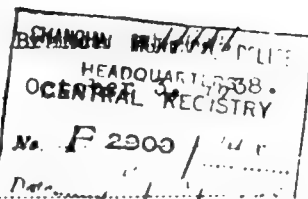
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I., Special
REPORT



Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

The flour situation in Shanghai is normal. The following ^{table} represents the stock of wheat and flour in Shanghai at the end of September, 1938 :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	205,000 bags	57,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	110,000 bags	9,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Mills	60,000 "	40,000 "
Cereal Hongs	-	200,000 "
Total :	375,000 bags	306,000 piculs
Stock at end of previous month:	303,000 bags	420,000 piculs

The present stock of flour, referred to above, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of approximately five weeks. The local rate of consumption is in the region of 7,000 bags a day. In addition to that consumed locally, 500,000 bags of flour were exported from Shanghai in September to ports in North and South China.

It is learned that of the amount of flour exported in September, only 16,200 bags were covered by Shanghai Municipal Council permits. (According to the flour millers, the flour exported without permits was transported from Shanghai before the Municipal Police interviewed all parties concerned regarding the necessity of taking out permits.)

The present price of flour is \$4.52 per bag, showing a slight increase on that prevailing in the previous month.



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Five mills, namely as follows, are operating at present, and they produced during the past month a total of 850,000 bags of flour :-

Foh Sing No.2 Mill, 5 West Soochow Road.

Foh Sing No.3 Mill, 1073 Chengtu Road.

Fou Foong Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road.

Hwa Foong Mill, Ferry Road, O.O.L.

Sing Dah Mill, 10 Macao Road.

It has been learned from flour dealers that approximately 60,000 bags of flour produced by mills in Nanking and Wusieh under Japanese control arrived in Shanghai in September, and of this quantity, some 30,000 bags were exported to outports and the remainder sold locally. Detailed information in this connection is not available.

The supply of wheat from the interior was steady and a total of 340,000 piculs arrived in Shanghai. Although the amount shows a decrease of some 100,000 piculs when compared with the figure for August, it is not expected that the supply of this cereal will be insufficient to meet the present local needs. The price of wheat is ranging from \$5.80 to \$6.10 per picul.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Council Chamber.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.



Shanghai: October 7, 1933 38.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL REGISTRY

No. F 2500 / 126 (1)
Date: 24.10.33

The Commissioner of Police.

Flour Situation

In sending you herewith copy of a letter of today's date to the Chairman, Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, I have to inform you of the wish of the Council that the flour situation should be reviewed every month or earlier if necessary. I shall therefore be obliged if you will report on the situation when considered necessary in addition to the usual monthly report.

Acting Secretary.

GPR:



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October 7, 1938.

The Chairman,
Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association,
421 Kiangsue Road,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 1, 1938, I have to inform you that the Council has approved the issue of permits for the export of 800,000 bags of flour from Shanghai.

Applications for permits should be made to the Secretary, Supplies & Fuel Sub-Committee, Room No.150, Secretariat, Administration Building, 209 Kiangsue Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. V. Gubb

Acting Secretary.

GPR:

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.....

Section 1. ~~SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL~~
REPORT HEADQUARTERS
Date. ~~CENTRAL REGISTRY~~ 38.

Subject (in full).....Flour Situation.

No. F 2900 / 146(1)
Date 25/10/38

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by C. [Signature]

The present stock of flour as on 24th October, 1938
in Shanghai was as follows:-

Foh Sing Flour Mill	145,300 bags.
Fou Foong Flour Mill.....	82,000 "
Hwa Foong Flour Mill.....	48,000 "
	<hr/> 275,300 "

Flour, rice and food shops
in the Settlement & French
Concession..... 80,000 " (approximately)

Total : 355,300 bags approximately.

[Signature]

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

P.A. to Commr
Information

Thos. Robertson
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Flour Situation.

The present stock of flour as on 24th October, 1938
in Shanghai was as follows:-

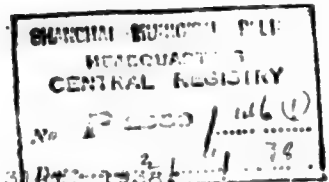
Foh Sing Flour Mill	145,300 bags.
Fou Poong Flour Mill.....	82,000 "
Hwa Poong Flour Mill.....	48,000 "
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	275,300 "

Flour, rice and food shops in the Settlement & French Concession.....	80,000 " (approximately)
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Total : 355,300 bags approximately.

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

121 Hongkong Road



October 31st 1938

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of October 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	126,300
Fou Foong Mill	65,000
Hwa Foong Mill	90,000
	<u>281,300</u>

<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill	94,000 Piculs
Fou Foong Mill	60,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	14,000 "
Outside Godowns & Dealers	<u>150,000 "</u>
	318,000 piculs @ 1.9
	<u>604,200</u>
Grand total in flour	<u>885,500</u>

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

Foh Sing Flour Mills Co.

(Sgd.)

General Manager.

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No.	F 2900 / 146
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Headquarters,	

Shanghai Municipal Police,
November 2, 1938.
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SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour.
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Acting Secretary.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to.....

S. M. C.

and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the

subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.

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John Robertson

Dr C. Special Branch.

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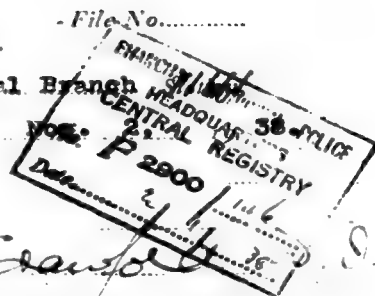
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Subject: Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by: D.S.I. Logan

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The flour situation in Shanghai remains normal, there having been little change during the past month. The following table represents the stock of wheat and flour in Shanghai at the end of October, 1938 :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	126,300 bags	94,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	90,000 bags	14,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Mills	65,000 "	60,000 "
Cereal Hong.	-	150,000 "
	<u>281,300 bags</u>	<u>318,000 piculs</u>
Stock at end of September, 1938:	375,000 bags	306,000 piculs

It will be noted that the total stock of flour at the end of October is less than the amount in stock at the end of September. The explanation offered for this is that the Foh Sing Mills produced less flour in October, due to their having large stocks in hand at the end of September.

It is difficult to ascertain the stock of flour held in local retail shops, but it is estimated that it is in the region of 80,000 bags.

The present stock of flour referred to above, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of approximately five weeks. The local rate of consumption is approximately 7,000 bags a day. In addition to that consumed locally, approximately 600,000 bags were exported from Shanghai, in October, to ports in North and South China, under S.M.C. permits.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

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The five mills, mentioned in last month's report, continue to operate, and during the past month they produced a total of 706,000 bags of flour.

It is reported that approximately 10,000 bags of flour produced by mills in Nanking and Wusieh, under Japanese control, arrived in Shanghai in October.

The price of flour ranges from \$4.65 to \$4.70 per bag, showing an increase of about 4% per bag on that prevailing last month.

The supply of wheat from the interior remained steady, a total of 380,000 piculs arriving in Shanghai in October. There is no likelihood that the supply of this cereal will be insufficient to meet immediate local needs. An increase of 8% was registered in the price of wheat which is now ranging from \$6.30 to \$6.60 per picul. This increase is considered seasonable, though it is to some extent due to the danger and inconvenience experienced in bringing the commodity to Shanghai as a result of the conditions prevailing at present as a consequence of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Small quantities of high grade flour for use chiefly by high class bakeries are being imported from abroad but these do not affect the situation materially.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I., Special Branch
REPORT

Date Nov 24 1938
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Subject (in full) Flour situation.

Made by and Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

From enquiries conducted by Special Branch it has been ascertained that the present stocks of flour as on November 20, 1938, in Shanghai was as follows :-

Foh Sing Flour Mill	190,000 bags
Fou Foong " "	80,000 "
Hwa Foong " "	75,000 "
	<u>345,000 bags</u>

Flour, rice and food shops
in the Settlement & French
Concession 60,000 bags approximately.

Total : 405,000 bags approximately

C. Crawford
D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

P.A. to Commr
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J. Robertson
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Ref. No. F 2900/146.

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Headquarters,	

Shanghai Municipal Police,

November 22, 1938.

SUBJECT

Flour Situation

The Commissioner presents his compliments to Acting Secretary,
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. **Copy of a Police report**
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Nov. 21, 38.

Flour situation.

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Fou Poong " "	80,000 "
Hwa Poong " "	75,000 "
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	345,000 bags

Flour, rice and food shops
in the Settlement & French
Concession 60,000 bags approximately.

Total : 405,000 bags approximately

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Shanghai, November 30, 1938.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REVENUE

NOV 30 1938

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of November 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	177,000
Fou Foong Mill	190,000
Hwa Foong Mill	<u>84,000</u>
	451,000

<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill	120,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	65,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	24,000 "
Outside Godowns & Dealers	<u>120,000 "</u>
	329,000 piculs = 1.9 <u>625,000</u>

Grand Total in flour 1,076,100 bags

Kindly note and oblige.

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

A.C. Spencer

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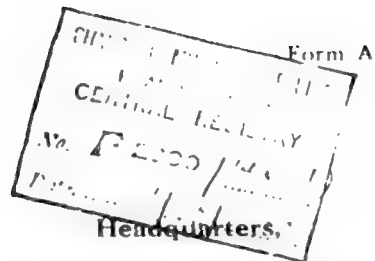
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Ref No. ... F.290/146(1)



Shanghai Municipal Police,

December 5, 1938.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, J.I.C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a police report.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Section 1, Special Branch Station,
REPORT

Date: December 8, 1938.

Subject: Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by: D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by: C. C. C. C. C.

The following table represents the stock of wheat and flour in Shanghai at the end of November, 1938: -

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	177,000 bags	120,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	84,000 "	24,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Mills	190,000 "	65,000 "
Cereal Hongs	-	120,000 "
	451,000 bags	329,000 piculs
Stock at end of October, 1938:	281,300 bags	318,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is roughly estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in the previous report, continue to operate, and during the past month, they produced a total of 979,000 bags of flour. Of this quantity, approximately 280,000 bags were sold to local dealers and approximately 530,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China under S.M.C. permits.

The present stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of five weeks at the present rate of consumption.

The price of flour ranges from \$4.60 to \$4.70 per bag, showing little or no difference in comparison to that prevailing in October.

A total of approximately 556,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai in November, showing an increase of 176,000 piculs when compared with the arrivals in the preceding month. The price of wheat remains steady, at

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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.present ranging from \$6.30 to \$6.55 per picul.

It is learned that Messrs. L. Dreyfus & Cie, 181.
Kiangse Road, has ordered 16,000 tons of flour from
America as the quality is reported to be better while
the price^{is} not higher than^{the} the Chinese product.

W. Logan

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

Shanghai, December 31st, 1938.

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Date	31/12/38

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI HEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of December 1938:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags</u>
Foh Sing Mill	178,000
Fou Foong Mill	60,000
Hwa Foong Mill	62,000
	<u>300,000</u>

Wheat Stocks

Foh Sing Mill	39,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill	30,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill	14,000 "	
Outside Godown	90,000 "	
	172,000 piculs @ 1.0	328,700

American wheat afloat and expecting to arrive during first half January 1939 -- 34,000 tons (2,240 lbs.) i.e.

571,200 piculs @ 2.00 1,142,400

Grand Total in flour for January 1939. 1,771,100 bags

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

(Sgd.)

Gen. Manager.

F. C. S. (S)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I., Special branch *S.I. 101/1*

REPORT

Date January 4, 1939.

Subject: Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by: D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by

C. G. Gansford

The following table represents the stock of wheat and flour in Shanghai at the end of Decemoer, 1938:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	178,000 bags	39,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	62,000 "	14,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	60,000 "	30,000 "
Cereal Honga	-	90,000 "
	300,000 bags	173,000 piculs
Stock at end of November, 1938 :	451,000 bags	329,000 piculs

It will be seen from the above table that the present stock of wheat and flour held in Shanghai is smaller than that at the end of November, 1938. The difference is believed to be seasonal and due to the reduced output of flour by the flour mills and the drop in the arrival of wheat from the interior, in consequence of the fact that both the dealers and millers were engaged in settling accounts at the year end, with the result that they conducted less business during the month.

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is roughly estimated to be in the region of 120,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in previous reports, continue to operate, and during the past month, they produced a total of 789,000 bags of flour, while approximately 350,000 bags were sold in the local market and approximately 590,000 bags exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China under S.M.C. permits.

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The present stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of three weeks at the present rate of consumption.

The price of flour ranges from \$4.55 to \$4.65 per bag, showing a little difference in comparison to that prevailing at the end of November, 1938.

A total of approximately 280,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai in December, showing a decrease of about 50% when compared with the arrival in the preceding month. This decrease is due to the reason aforementioned, and the flour millers expect that the supply of this cereal will return to normal in January. The price of wheat is \$6.20 per picul.

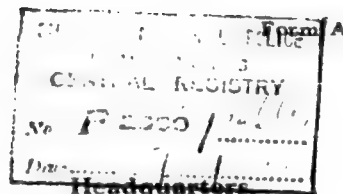
34,000 tons of wheat (approximately 570,000 piculs) recently ordered by the Foh Sing and Fou Foong Flour Mills from America through Messrs. L. Dreyfus & Cie, 181 Kiangse Road, are expected to arrive in Shanghai in four shipments about the middle of January. The quality of this wheat is reported to be superior to the China product and capable of producing more flour than the latter.

W. Logan
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

W.R.
P.A. & D.C. (S. B.)

Ref. No. **F.2900/146(1)**



Shanghai Municipal Police,

January 11, 1939.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to **The Secretary, S.M.C.**
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a police report.
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January 4, 39.

Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.



The following table represents the stock of wheat and flour in hanghai at the end of December, 1938:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	178,000 bags	39,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	62,000 "	14,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	60,000 "	30,000 "
Cereal Hongs	-	90,000 "
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	300,000 bags	173,000 piculs
Stock at end of November, 1938 :	451,000 bags	329,000 piculs

It will be seen from the above table that the present stock of wheat and flour held in Shanghai is smaller than that at the end of November, 1938. The difference is believed to be seasonal and due to the reduced output of flour by the flour mills and the drop in the arrival of wheat from the interior, in consequence of the fact that both the dealers and millers were engaged in settling accounts at the year end, with the result that they conducted less business during the month.

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is roughly estimated to be in the region of 120,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in previous reports, continue to operate, and during the past month, they produced a total of 789,000 bags of flour, while approximately 350,000 bags were sold in the local market and approximately 590,000 bags exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China under S.M.C. permits.

The present stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of three weeks at the present rate of consumption.

The price of flour ranges from \$4.55 to \$4.65 per bag, showing a little difference in comparison to that prevailing at the end of November, 1938.

A total of approximately 280,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai in December, showing a decrease of about 50% when compared with the arrival in the preceding month. This decrease is due to the reason aforementioned, and the flour millers expect that the supply of this cereal will return to normal in January. The price of wheat is \$6.20 per picul.

34,000 tons of wheat (approximately 570,000 piculs) recently ordered by the Foh Sing and Fou Foong Flour Mills from America through Messrs. L. Dreyfus & Cie, 181 Kiangse Road, are expected to arrive in Shanghai in four shipments about the middle of January. The quality of this wheat is reported to be superior to the China product and capable of producing more flour than the latter.

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

Shanghai, January

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of January 1939:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags</u>
Foh Sing Mill	130,000
Fou Foong Mill	50,000
Hwa Foong Mill	<u>70,000</u>
	250,000

<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>		
Foh Sing Mill	70,000	piculs
Fou Foong Mill	20,000	"
Hwa Foong Mill	25,000	"
Outside Godown	<u>30,000</u>	"
	145,000	piculs @ 1.9
		275,500

American and Australian wheat afloat and expecting to arrive during first half February - 32,000 tons (of which 25,000 tons should be imported in January and consequently delayed), i.e. 537,600 piculs @ 2.00

1,075,200

Grand total in flour
for February 1939. 1,600,700 bags

Yours Obediently,
FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Gen. Manager.

Ref. No. E. 2902/146(1)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	A
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS	
No. 27 2000 / 106 (1)	
Date. 8 / 2 / 32	
Headquarters,	

Shanghai Municipal Police,

February 8, 1932.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to ~~The Secretary,~~
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.I., Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 2, 1939

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

By D.S.I. Logan

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of January, 1939, is as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	130,000 bags	70,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	70,000 "	25,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	50,000 "	20,000 "
Cereal Hong	-	20,000 "
	250,000 bags	135,000 piculs
Stock at end of December, 1938.	300,000 bags	173,000 piculs.

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is roughly estimated to be in the region of 90,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in previous reports, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 514,000 bags of flour. Approximately 170,000 bags were sold in the local market while 395,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China. (Note: The amount of flour for which the Council issued permits for exportation in January, 1939, totalled 230,000 bags.) The question of the difference between the amount of flour exported and the amount for which permits for exportation were issued by the S.M.C. was taken up with the flour millers but a satisfactory explanation was not forthcoming. It was stated that the discrepancy is partly due to the failure of dealers to take out permits and partly due to the fact that some of the flour purchased for export and included in the figure quoted, i.e. 395,000 bags, has not yet been exported, though it has left the mills.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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According to the present rate of consumption (i.e. approximately 560,000 bags per month), the stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of three weeks.

The price of flour ranged from \$4.50 to \$4.65 per bag, only a very small difference in price being registered in January which is considered to have been due to normal market fluctuation.

The amount of wheat which arrived from the interior in the past month was less than that which arrived in December, 1938, but the reduction, according to the flour millers, may be regarded as being seasonable, though to some extent due to difficulties encountered in its transportation from the interior. Some 200,000 piculs of Chinese wheat were brought to Shanghai from inland places, while 140,000 piculs of American wheat were imported from abroad. Two further shipments of some 270,000 piculs of foreign wheat are expected to arrive in the early part of February. The price of Chinese wheat is \$6.30 per picul and of foreign wheat is \$6.60.

It is not expected that there will be a shortage of flour in the near future.

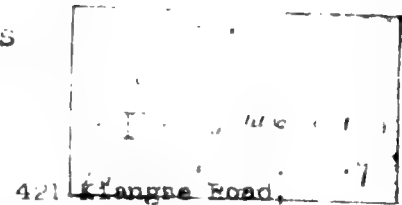
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D.S. (Special Branch)

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS



Shanghai, March 1, 1939.

The Secretary.
Shanghai Municipal Council
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of February 1939:-

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	35,000
Fou Foong Mill	90,000
Hwa Foong Mill	45,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill 90,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill 140,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill 24,000 "	
Outside Godown 10,000 "	
264,000 piculs @ 2 bags	528,000
Australian wheat afloat and expecting to arrive during first half March - 48,000 tons, i.e.	
806,400 piculs @ 2 bags	<u>1,612,800</u>
Grand total in flour for March 1939	<u>2,310,800 bags</u>

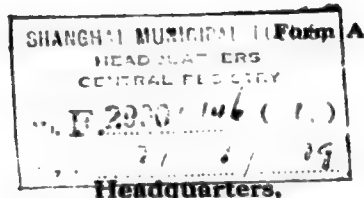
Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

D. C. Sp. Br.

General Manager.

Ref. No. 11



Shanghai Municipal Police,
March 3, 1939.

SUBJECT

..... Stock of Wheat and Heaten Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Subject. Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by. D.S.I. Logan.

Forwarded by.

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of February, 1939 is as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	90,000 bags	90,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	45,000 "	24,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	35,000 "	140,000 "
Cereal Hong	-----	10,000 "
	170,000 bags =====	264,000 piculs =====
Stock at end of January, 1939.	250,000 bags	135,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 90,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in the previous reports, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 555,000 bags of flour. Approximately 250,000 bags were sold in the local market while 330,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China. (all covered by S.M.C. permits)

According to the present rate of consumption, the stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of 4 weeks.

The price of flour is \$4.70 per bag; an increase of \$0.05 was registered when compared with that prevailing at the beginning of February.

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The amount of wheat which arrived from the interior was negligible, but four shipments of foreign wheat amounting to some 500,000 piculs, were imported in February, 1939. The drop in the supply of domestic wheat is due to the ban by the National Government on export of wheat from Komo and the high cost owing to the lack of stock in the producing areas in Southern Kiangsu (Vide previous report dated 7/2/39). The price of wheat is \$6.60 per picul.

Five or six further shipments, totalling 700,000 piculs, of foreign wheat are expected to arrive in Shanghai in the early part of March. With this importation, it is not anticipated that there will be a shortage of flour locally in the near future.

It will be noted that while the stock of flour at the end of February is smaller than the stock of flour at the end of January, the stock of wheat is proportionately larger so that the potential supply of flour is not affected.

D. S. I.
D. S. I.

P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)
P.A. to D.C. (Sp. Br.)

D.C. (Special Branch).

POLICE FORCE

1 APR 1939

Foh Sing Flour Mills
Head Office,
Shanghai April 1, 1939.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sir,

Re: Shanghai Wheat Flour Condition.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of March 1939:

<u>Flour Stocks</u>	<u>Total in bags.</u>
Foh Sing Mill	200,000
Fou Foong Mill	80,000
Hwa Foong Mill	100,000
<u>Wheat Stocks</u>	
Foh Sing Mill	230,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	240,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	<u>70,000</u> "
	540,000 " @ 2 bags 1,080,000
Afloating in Whampoo River	175,000 " " 350,000
Australian wheat expecting to arrive during first half April	
10,000 tons, i.e. 168,000 piculs	
	@ 2 bags 336,000
Grand total in flour for April 1939	<u>2,146,000 bags.</u>

Yours obediently,

Foh Sing Flour Mills Co

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DATE: 4/4/29	
Headquarters,	

Ref. No.

Shanghai Municipal Police,
April 4, 1939.

SUBJECT

...Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to **The Secretary,**
S. M. C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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Stock of wheat and wheaten flour

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of March 1939 was as follows:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Yeh Lin Flour Mills	200,000 bags	230,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	100,000 bags	70,000 piculs
Hwa Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	80,000 bags	240,000 piculs
Cereal House	--	10,000 piculs
Cargoes on Steamers lying in Whangpoo (as yet unloaded)		170,000 piculs
	<u>380,000 bags</u>	<u>720,000 piculs</u>
Stock at the end of February, 1939	170,000 bags	264,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in the previous reports continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 1,040,000 bags of flour. Approximately 278,000 bags were sold in the local market while 550,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China. (all covered by S.M.C. permits)

According to the present rate of consumption the stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of 6 weeks.

The price of flour is \$4.30 per bag; a decrease of \$0.40 was registered when compared with that

prevailing at the beginning of March.

The amount of wheat which arrived from the interior was negligible, but 12 shipments of foreign wheat amounting to approximately 950,000 piculs were imported in March, 1938. The price of wheat is \$7.00 per picul. (increased by \$0.40 as compared with that prevailing at the beginning of March).

Further shipments, totalling 170,000 piculs of foreign wheat are expected to arrive in Shanghai in the early part of April. In view of the fact that both the stocks of wheat and flour on hand are larger than those held at the end of February, combined with the expected importation of 170,000 piculs of wheat mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I. Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date *April 14, 1939*
Municipal Police
No. *1200-146(1)*Subject. *Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour*Made by. *D.S.I. Logan*Forwarded by *C. Logan*

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of March 1939 was as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	200,000 bags	230,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	100,000 bags	70,000 piculs
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	80,000 bags	240,000 piculs
Cereal Houses	--	10,000 piculs
Cargoes on Steamers lying in Whangpoo (as yet unloaded)		170,000 piculs
	<u>380,000 bags</u>	<u>720,000 piculs</u>
Stock at the end of February, 1939	170,000 bags	264,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags.

The five mills, mentioned in the previous reports continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 1,040,000 bags of flour. Approximately 278,000 bags were sold in the local market while 550,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in North and South China. (all covered by S.M.C. permits)

According to the present rate of consumption the stock of flour, referred to in the first paragraph, plus that available from the stock of wheat on hand in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of 6 weeks.

The price of flour is \$4.30 per bag; a decrease of \$0.40 was registered when compared with that

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prevailing at the beginning of March.

The amount of wheat which arrived from the interior was negligible, but 12 shipments of foreign wheat amounting to approximately 950,000 piculs were imported in March, 1939. The price of wheat is \$7.00 per picul. (increased by \$0.40 as compared with that prevailing at the beginning of March)

Further shipments, totalling 170,000 piculs of foreign wheat are expected to arrive in Shanghai in the early part of April. In view of the fact that both the stocks of wheat and flour on hand are larger than those held at the end of February, combined with the expected importation of 170,000 piculs of wheat mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future.

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P.A. to D.C. (Sp. B.)

D.C. (Special Branch)

SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR MILLS.

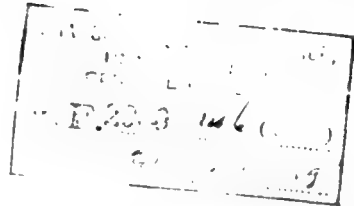
Head Office:

421, Nanjing Road.

Shanghai.

POLICE FORCE

1 MAY 1939



Shanghai, April 30th, 1939.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

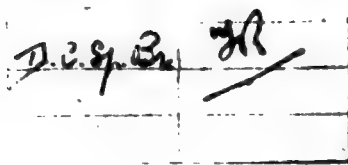
At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, We are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of April 1939.

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	90,000
Fou Foong Mill	20,000
Hwa Foong Mill	70,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill 303,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill 370,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill <u>81,500</u> "	
754,500 piculs @ 2 bags	1,509,000

American wheat expecting to arrive during
first half April-
13,000 tons, i.e. 218,400 piculs @ 2 bags 436,800
Grand total in flour for May 1939 2,125,800 bags

Yours obediently,

Foh Sing Flour Mills Co.



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Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
May 3, 1939.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. **Copy of a Police report.**
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File No.

REPORT

S.1, Special Branch, Shanghai

Date: 1939. 2. 21. 1939.

Subject: Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by: D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by: C. Crawford

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of April, 1939 was as follows:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	90,000 bags	300,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	70,000 "	81,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	20,000 "	370,000 "
	180,000 bags	751,000 piculs
Stock at the end of March, 1939 :-	380,000 bags	720,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags.

It will be seen from the above table that the stock of flour on hand is much smaller than that at the end of March. The decrease in the stock of flour is due to the desire of the flour millers to keep more wheat than flour because of the change in weather.

The five mills, mentioned in the previous reports, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 740,000 bags of flour. Approximately 350,000 bags were sold in the local market and places in the suburbs of Shanghai, while some 590,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to South and North China cities (all covered by S.M.C. permits).

At the present rate of consumption, the stock of flour on hand, plus that available from the stock of wheat in Shanghai, is considered sufficient.

*P.A. to Commr
for usual
distribution
J.H.S. Robertson
DL(S-13)*

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for a period of about 6 weeks.

The price of flour is \$4.45 per bag, showing an increase of \$0.15 when compared with that prevailing at the beginning of April.

Approximately 400,000 piculs of foreign wheat were imported during the month of April. Further shipments totalling some 210,000 piculs are expected to arrive in Shanghai during the first half of May. The price of wheat is \$7.85 per picul (increased by \$0.85 as compared with that prevailing at the beginning of April.) The increase in the price of flour and wheat is due to an upward trend in the buying price in foreign countries and the increase in the shipping insurance premiums in consequence of the present world situation.

In view of the large stock of wheat on hand, combined with the expected further shipments mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future.

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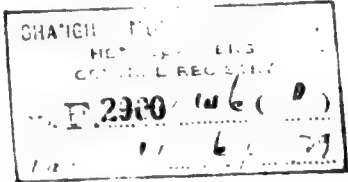
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POLICE FORCE

1 JUN 1939

Foh Sing Flour Mills,
Head Office: 421, Kiangse Road,
Shanghai, May 31st, 1939.



The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association, we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of May 1939:

Flour Stocks:

Total in bags:

Foh Sing Mill	250,000
Fou Foong Mill	220,000
Hwa Foong Mill	140,000

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill	260,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill	200,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill	<u>120,000</u> "	
	580,000 piculs @ 2 bags	<u>1,160,000</u>
		1,770,000

Australian & American wheat afloat
in Whampoo and expecting to arrive
during first half June - 20,000 tons.
i.e. 336,000 piculs @ 2 bags

672,000

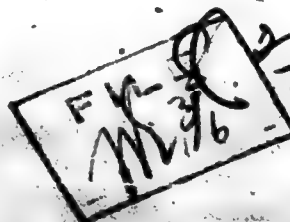
Grand total in flour for June 1939 2,442,000 bags

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

Gen. Manager.

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Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

June 5, 1939.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, S.M.C. and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the beginning of June, 1939 is as follows:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	240,000 bags	260,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	140,000 "	120,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills.	220,000 "	200,000 "
	600,000 bags	580,000 piculs
Stock at beginning of May.	180,000 "	750,000 "

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags, being the same as in the previous month

The flour mills, mentioned in the 1st paragraph, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 1,000,000 bags of flour. Approximately 300,000 bags were sold in the local market, while some 240,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in South China and some 70,000 bags to places in the suburbs of Shanghai. (Export permits were issued by S.M.C. in May, 1939, in respect of 300,000 odd bags).

The price of flour is now \$4.20 per bag, showing a decrease of \$0.25 when compared with that at the beginning of May.

Approximately 340,000 piculs of foreign wheat were imported during the month of May. Further

shipments totalling some 330,000 piculs are expected to arrive here before the 15th of June. The price of wheat ranges from \$7.60 to \$8.00 per picul (the price at the beginning of May being \$7.85 per picul).

In view of the large stock of wheat on hand, combined with expected further shipments mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future. According to the present rate of consumption, as given in the previous paragraph, the present stock of flour on hand, plus that available from the stock of wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of more than two months.

According to flour dealers, the forthcoming harvest of wheat in the interior is said to be very good this year, and it is expected that the yields will be about 40% more than that in the preceding year.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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S.1, Special Branch ~~XXXXXX~~

REPORT

Date June 3, 1939

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by D.S.I. Logan.

Reviewed by

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The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the beginning of June, 1939 is as follows:-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	240,000 bags	260,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	140,000 "	120,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills.	220,000 "	200,000 "
	600,000 bags	580,000 piculs
Stock at beginning of May.	180,000 "	750,000 "

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags, being the same as in the previous month.

The flour mills, mentioned in the first paragraph, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 1,000,000 bags of flour. Approximately 300,000 bags were sold in the local market, while some 240,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in South China and some 70,000 bags to places in the suburbs of Shanghai. (Export permits were issued by S.M.C. in May, 1939, in respect of 300,000 odd bags).

The price of flour is now \$4.20 per bag, showing a decrease of \$0.25 when compared with that at the beginning of May.

Approximately 340,000 piculs of foreign wheat were imported during the month of May. Further

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shipments totalling some 330,000 piculs are expected to arrive here before the 15th of June. The price of wheat ranges from \$7.60 to \$8.00 per picul (the price at the beginning of May being \$7.85 per picul).

In view of the large stock of wheat on hand, combined with expected further shipments mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future. According to the present rate of consumption, as given in the previous paragraph, the present stock of flour on hand, plus that available from the stock of wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of more than two months.

According to flour dealers, the forthcoming harvest of wheat in the interior is said to be very good this year, and it is expected that the yields will be about 40% more than that in the preceding year.

D. S. I.

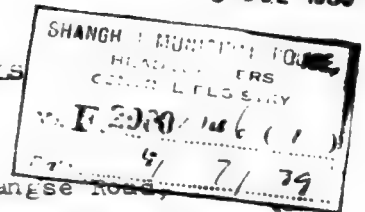
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POLICE FORCE

5 JUL 1939

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS



421 Kiangse Road,

Shanghai, July 4, 1939.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of June 1939:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	450,000
Fou Foong Mill	160,000
Hwa Foong Mill	160,000

<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>
Foh Sing Mill 400,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill 380,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill 170,000 "
960,000 piculs @ 2 bags 1,920,000

Australia & American wheat afloat
in Whampoo and expecting to arrive
during July - 9,000 tons, i.e.
150,000 piculs @ 2 bags

300,000

Grand total in flour for July

2,990,000



Note and Return	
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Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.,

General Manager.

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Form A
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Headquarters

Shanghai Municipal Police,
July 6, 1939.

SUBJECT

Stock of Wheat and Wheat Flour

The Commissioner presents his compliments to The Secretary, M.C.
and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the
subject referred to above

1. Copy of a Police report.
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch *11/11/39*
REPORT
Date July 6, 1939.

Stock of wheat and Wheaten Flour.

D.S.I. Logan

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the beginning of July, 1939 is as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	450,000 bags	400,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	160,000 "	170,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	160,000 "	390,000 "
	770,000 bags	960,000 piculs
Stock at the beginning of June.	600,000 bags	580,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags, being the same as in the previous month.

The flour mills, mentioned in the first paragraph, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 1,050,000 bags of flour. Approximately 300,000 bags were sold in the local market, while some 590,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to ports in South and North China as well as to places in the suburbs of Shanghai. (Export permits issued by the S.M.C. in June, 1939 were in respect of 594,000 bags).

The price of flour is now \$4.65 per bag, showing an increase of \$0.40 when compared with that prevailing at the beginning of June. The increase is due to the adverse exchange rate.

Approximately 905,000 piculs of foreign wheat were imported during the month of June, while

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further shipments totalling some 144,000 piculs are expected to arrive here in July, 1939. The price of wheat remains unchanged, i.e. from \$7.60 to \$8.00 per picul.

In view of the large stock of wheat and flour on hand, combined with the expected further shipments mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future. According to the present rate of consumption, the present stock of flour on hand, plus that available from the stock of wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of nearly three months.

In June, 1939, several thousand bags of domestic wheat arrived in Shanghai from the interior. Owing to the fact that the price of this cereal, \$8.50 per picul, is higher than that of foreign wheat, none has been absorbed by the local Chinese flour mills. The domestic wheat in question was purchased by Japanese flour mills in Chapei, as the Japanese merchants are unable to obtain foreign exchange with which to purchase foreign wheat in consequence of restrictions placed by the Japanese Government.

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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POLICE FORCE

1 AUG 1939

FOH SING FLOUR MILL

401 Kiangse Road.

SHANGHAI	106	1
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Shanghai, August 2nd, 1939.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of July 1939:

Flour Stocks:

Total in bags:

Foh Sing Mill

550,000 bags

Fou Foong Mill

260,000 "

Hwa Foong Mill

200,000 "

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill 650,000 piculs

Fou Foong Mill 640,000 "

Hwa Foong Mill 160,000 "

1,450,000 piculs = 2 bags 2,900,000 bags

Grand total in flour 3,910,000 bags

Note and Return	
D.C. (Sd)	HR

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Yours obediently,

Foh Sing Flour Mills Co.

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Ref. No.

Headquarters,

Shanghai Municipal Police,

August 3, 1939.

SUBJECT

Stock of heat and heated Flour.

The Commissioner presents his compliments to the **Secretary and Commissioner General,** and begs to forward herewith the following documents relative to the subject referred to above:

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.1, Special Branch *Subdiv.*

REPORT

Date August 3, 1939.

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour

Made by D.S. Anderson

Forwarded by: *C. Anderson D.S.*

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held

in Shanghai on August 1, 1939 is as follows :-

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	550,000 bags	650,000 piculs
Hwe Foong Flour Mill	200,000 "	170,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	260,000 "	640,000 "
	1,010,000 bags	1,460,000 piculs
Stock at the beginning of July :	770,000 bags	960,000 piculs

The stock of flour held in local retail shops is estimated to be in the region of 80,000 bags, being approximately the same as in the previous month.

The flour mills, mentioned in the first paragraph, continue to operate. During the past month they produced a total of 696,000 bags of flour. Approximately 310,000 bags were sold in the local market and places in the suburbs of Shanghai, while some 140,000 bags^{WEEK} were exported from Shanghai to ports in South and North China. (Export permits issued by the S.M.C. were in respect of 140,000 bags).

The price of flour is \$5.00 per bag, showing an increase of \$0.35 as compared with that prevailing at the beginning of July. This increase is due to the upward tendency in the price of other commodities in consequence of the adverse rate of exchange.

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Approximately 850,000 piculs of foreign wheat were imported during the month of July, while further shipment of 120,000 piculs is expected to arrive here in August, 1939. This is the last shipment of the order placed by the local flour mills, and so far no further orders have been placed. The price of wheat remains unchanged, i.e. \$7.60 to \$8.00 per picul. As the account for this cereal was settled prior to the unfavourable change in foreign exchange, the price is therefore not affected.

In addition to the importation of foreign wheat, some 30,000 piculs of domestic wheat arrived in Shanghai from the interior. Approximately 10,000 piculs of this quantity were purchased by the Japanese flour mills in Chapei and Hongkew while the remainder is stored in various godowns in the Settlement. Local Chinese flour mills are already in possession of abundant stocks of foreign wheat. The price of domestic wheat now ranges from \$6.60 to \$7.10 per picul.

In view of the large stock of wheat and flour on hand, combined with the expected further shipment mentioned above, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future. According to the present rate of consumption, the present stock of flour on hand, plus that available from stocks of

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wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient
for a period of more than six months.

A. S. Anderson.
D. S.

D.S. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch Station

REPORT

Date August 24, 1939.

Subject Flour mill management requested to supply daily information regarding flour situation.

Made by C.D.I. Sih Tse Liang Forwarded by

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At 10 a.m. August 23, Mr. Chien Shou Tsung

(錢壽椿), Manager of the Business Department of the Foh Sing Flour Mills, 421 Kiangse Road, was interviewed at Police Headquarters when he was requested to supply daily statistics regarding the stock of wheat and flour on hand and the price of same, in order to keep the police well informed of the situation. Mr. Chien agreed to do so.

During the interview, Mr. Chien stated that in consequence of the rice shortage, the sale of flour in the local market had increased to approximately 20,000 bags a day, almost double the former rate of consumption. He also stated that the mills had sold recently a further amount of 400,000 bags of flour, but that this quantity had not yet been taken delivery of and the purchasers were believed to be hoarders. The mill management, he continued, had urged the purchasers to take early delivery with a view to preventing further hoarding but they have now limited their sales to not more than 50 bags to each customer as from August 16. He volunteered further information to the effect that the demand by the outport dealers at present was negligible.

Sih Tse Liang
C. D. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

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File No.

S.I. Special Branch

REPORT

Date September 5, 1939.

Subject. Stock of wheat and wheaten flour.

Made by. D.S.I. MacAdie

Forwarded by.

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai on September 1, 1939, is as follows :-

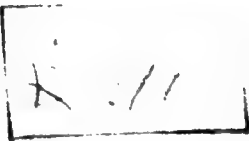
<u>Name of Holder</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	540,000 bags	600,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	230,000 "	130,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills	200,000 "	630,000 "
Cereal Hongs and bank godowns	--	200,000 "
Retail shops	80,000 "	--
	1,050,000 bags	1,560,000 piculs

Stock at the beginning of August, 1939 1,090,000 bags 1,460,000 piculs

The flour mills, mentioned above, continue to operate. During the past month, they milled a total of 1,062,000 bags of flour. Approximately 1,000,000 bags were sold in the local market and places in the suburbs of Shanghai, but customers have not taken delivery of 50% of this amount which is therefore included in the stocks mentioned above. Approximately 112,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to places in North China (all covered by the Shanghai Municipal Council export permits).

The price of flour is \$6.20 per bag, showing an increase of \$1.20 when compared with that prevailing on August 1. This increase is due to the upward trend in the price of rice and increase in the price of wheat.

The 120,000 piculs of foreign wheat due to arrive in Shanghai during August failed to reach here, the



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order for the cereal being cancelled. Approximately 700,000 piculs of domestic wheat arrived from the interior. The price of wheat is now \$9.00 per picul, showing an increase of nearly \$2 when compared with that at the beginning of August.

In view of the large stock of wheat and flour on hand, there is no likelihood of a shortage in the near future. According to the present rate of consumption, estimated to be around 700,000 bags a month, the stock of flour on hand and that available from the wheat in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for five months.

R. W. Mac Arthur

D.S.I.

A. C. (Special Branch)

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Sec. General*

To Inspector Crawford

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS
421 Vianasse Road,
Shanghai, September 4th. 1939. *8039A/S(2)*

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of August 1939:

Flour Stocks:

Total in bags:

Foh Sing Mill	560,000
Fou Foong Mill	200,000
Hwa Foong Mill	250,000

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill	690,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	630,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	134,000 "

1,364,000 piculs @ 2 bags 2,728,000

Grand total in flour 3,738,000

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

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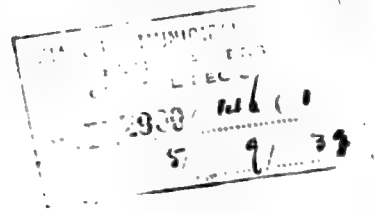
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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

421 Kiangse Road,

Shanghai, September 4th. 1939.



The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of August 1939:

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Fou Foong Mill	200,000
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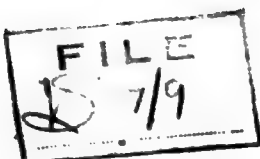
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Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL REGISTRY
No. D. 2930/14611
3/10/39.

The Mayor,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Sir,

re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of September 1939:

Flour Stocks:

Total in bags:

Foh Sing Mill	600,000
Fou Foong Mill	240,000
Hwa Foong Mill	240,000

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill	590,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	580,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	120,000 "
Dealers' hands	600,000 "

1,890,000 piculs
@ 2 bags 3,780,000

Grand total in flour 4,860,000

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

(Sgd.)

Gen. Manager.

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D.C. (S.B.)	<i>[Signature]</i>



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date *CHANGHAI* *14* *10* *1939*

Subject *Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.*

CHANGHAI
FEDERAL RESERVE
CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. *2330/146 (1)*
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Made by *and* Forwarded by *D.I. Crawford*

The stock of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai on October 1, 1939, is as follows :-

<u>Name of Holder</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	600,000 bags	590,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	240,000 "	120,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills	240,000 "	580,000 "
Cereal honges and bank godowns	-	600,000 "
Retail shops	80,000 "	-
	1,160,000 bags	1,890,000 piculs
Stock on Sept. 1, 1939	1,050,000 bags	1,560,000 piculs

The flour mills, mentioned above, continue to operate. During the past month, they milled a total of 610,000 bags of flour and sold 535,000 bags. Approximately 300,000 bags of this amount were sold in the local market and the remainder was exported to North China ports under Shanghai Municipal Council export permits.

It is to be noted that of the 1,080,000 bags of flour stored in the godowns of the flour mills, some 700,000 bags have already been sold but have not yet been taken delivery of by the customers, who are believed to be hoarders or manipulators.

An increase of \$0.80 was registered in the price of flour in September, 1939. The present



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price is \$7.00 per bag.

Some 650,000 piculs of wheat arrived here from the interior during September. The price of wheat is \$9.60 per picul showing an increase of \$0.60 as compared with that on September 1.

The present stock of flour, plus that available from the wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for some eight months, according to the present rate of consumption, estimated at around 550,000 bags a month.

D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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S. 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date November 1, 1939.

Subject. Wheat Situation.Made by C.D.I. Sin Tee LiangForwarded by C. C. ...

The stock of wheat held on October 31, 1939 is estimated at 1,720,000 piculs as against 1,890,000 piculs reported on October 1. The stock is distributed as follows :-

<u>Name of holder</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Local flour mills	1,120,000 piculs
Cereal hongs and bank godowns	600,000 "
	<u>1,720,000 piculs</u>

(Vide Sp. Br.
Report dated
4/10/39).

The 600,000 piculs of wheat which was reported to be held in cereal hongs and bank godowns by private interests are still intact pending the turnover at a better price.

During the period from October 1 to October 31, the stock of wheat held by flour mills showed a decrease of 170,000 piculs which were consumed by them in the manufacture of flour. No wheat has arrived in Shanghai since the early part of this month from places along Shanghai-Nanking Railway. This is due to the prohibiting by the Japanese Authorities of all exports of wheat from those sources as they intend monopolizing the product for use in their own flour mills at Wusieh, Soochow, and Changchow. The local flour mills are therefore compelled to use the wheat in stock in order to meet the demand for flour. Purchases have been made from private individuals but the amount so obtained is negligible.

The stock of wheat available in Shanghai -
1,120,000 piculs held by local flour mills, and 600,000

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picula by private interests - is capable of producing approximately 3,200,000 bags of flour which is considered sufficient for some months according to the present rate of consumption estimated at around 550,000 bags a month.

There is no prospect of further deliveries of wheat to Shanghai in the near future. Consequently it appears that local merchants interested in the trade may have to depend upon purchases of wheat from abroad to replenish their stocks in order to prevent a shortage.

According to a report received from a reliable source, the harvest this year in the Kiangsu Province is estimated at some 5,000,000 picula as against an average yearly yield of 10,000,000 picula. 2,000,000 picula of this was reaped from areas south of the Yangtze while the remainder from those north of the river. There are a number of districts where wheat is produced which is under the command of Chinese guerillas and some are within the Japanese occupied areas, and it is therefore expected that difficulties will be experienced in obtaining quantities from those districts.

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Dep Secretary.

Sch. Ts. Chang
C. D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

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File No.

S.1. Special Branch

11/8/1939

REPORT

Date November 6, 1939

Subject. Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held
in Shanghai on November 1, 1939 are as follows :-

<u>Name of holder</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	640,000 bags	510,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mills	320,000 "	120,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills	180,000 "	490,000 "
Cereal Hongs and Bank godowns	-	600,000 "
Retail shops	100,000 "	-
	1,240,000 bags	1,720,000 piculs
Stock on October 1, 1939	1,160,000 bags	1,890,000 piculs

All the four mills mentioned above, continue to operate. During the past month, a total of 945,000 bags of flour was milled and 865,000 bags were sold. Approximately 725,000 bags of this amount were sold in the local market and the remainder was exported to North China ports under Shanghai Municipal Council export permits.

An increase of \$0.40 was registered in the price of flour during October, 1939. The current price is \$7.40 per bag.

The price of wheat is \$11.30 per picul showing an increase of \$1.70 on the price in force on October 1.



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The present stock of flour, plus that available from the wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for some eight months, estimating an average rate of consumption of 550,000 bags per month.

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D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch)

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File No. REGISTRY

S.1, Special branch

REPORT

Date December 8, 1939.

Subject. Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour.

Made by D.S. Henchman

Forwarded by

Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held in
Shanghai on December 1, 1939, are as follows :-

<u>name of holder</u>	<u>flour</u>	<u>wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	550,000 bags	330,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	210,000 "	65,000 "
Fou Foong and Sing Dah Flour Mills	182,000 "	320,000 "
Cereal hongs and godowns		400,000 "
Retail shops	100,000 "	
	1,042,000 bags	1,115,000 piculs
Stock on Nov. 1	1,240,000 bags	1,720,000 "

All the four mills mentioned above continue to operate. During the past month, 632,000 bags of flour were milled and 812,000 bags were sold. Of the latter figure approximately 730,000 were sold in the local market and the remainder exported from Shanghai under S.M.C. export permits.

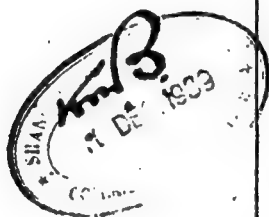
An increase of 0.40^{per bag} was registered in the price of flour during November, 1939. The price at the beginning of this month was \$7.80 per bag.

During November, 1939, only negligible quantities of wheat arrived here from the interior; this was due to the Japanese authorities who intend to monopolize the product for their own use in their mills in Wusieh, Soochow and Changchow, and therefore have prohibited the export of wheat from the interior.

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The price of wheat showed a further increase of \$1.70/ per picul
the price now being \$13.00 per picul.

The present stock of flour, plus that which can be milled from wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of nearly four months, according to the present rate of consumption. Should no further deliveries be received from the interior in the near future, local flour mills will have to depend upon the purchase of foreign wheat which, because of the adverse rate of exchange, will be higher in price.

In order to conserve those supplies of flour already in hand and to regulate quantities sold, Mr. Chien Shou-tsung (錢壽椿), manager of the Business Department of the Hoh Sing Flour Mills, was communicated with on the forenoon of December 7, 1939 and was requested, owing to interruption of further supplies of wheat from the interior, and the unsettled state of the rice market, to limit sales to quantities not in excess of those usually purchased and thus preclude, to some extent, the possibility of hoarding. In reply, Mr. Chien stated that he was well acquainted with the situation and sells only to bona-fide retailers and regular customers; he further stated that he has reduced each purchaser's regular quantity by 50%. This, Mr. Chien states, is the practice which has been

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adopted by all flour mills in Shanghai. The rate of consumption in the local market is at present some 20,000 bags per day. Due to the high price now prevailing only small quantities of flour are being exported from Shanghai; in any case, exports are regulated due to the necessity of obtaining of export permits from the S.M.C.

D. S. (Signature)

D. S.

D.S. (Special Branch)

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

Shanghai, December 4, 1939.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. F. 2900/126 (1)
11/12/39

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of November 1939:-

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	550,000
Fou Foong Mill	182,000
Hwa Foong Mill	213,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill 330,000 piculs	
Fou Foong Mill 320,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill 65,000 "	
Dealers' Hands 400,000 "	2,118,500
1,115,000 piculs = 1.9 bags	
Grand total in flour	3,063,500

Yours obediently,
FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

For and Keen
Dec (sb)

(S-G.) C. T. Tsai
Gen. Manager.

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS

Shanghai, January 6th, 1940.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of December 1939:

Flour Stocks:

Total in bags:

Foh Sing Mill	350,000
Fou Foong Mill	262,000
Hwa Foong Mill	153,000

Wheat Stocks:

Foh Sing Mill	350,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	340,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	73,000 "
Dealers' Hands	160,000 "

923,000 piculs @ 1.9 bags 1,753,700

Grand total in flour 2,518,700 bags

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

(Sgd.) C. T. Tsien

Gen. Manager.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Section I, Special Investigation Station

REPORT

Date January 8, 1940.

Subject Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour on January 1.

Made by D. S. Henchman. Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held in

Shanghai on January 1, 1940, are as follows :-

Name of Holder	Flour	Wheat
Foh Sing Flour Mills	350,000 bags	350,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mill	153,000 "	75,000 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mill	262,000 "	340,000 "
Cereal hongs & godowns	-	160,000 "
Retail shops	100,000 "	-
	865,000 bags	923,000 piculs
Stock on Dec. 1	1,040,000 "	1,115,000 "

The mills mentioned above continued to operate during December, 590,000 bags of flour being milled and 770,000 bags sold. Of the latter figure, approximately 700,000 bags were sold in the local market and the remainder exported from Shanghai to North China under S.M.C. export permits.

An increase of \$1.30 per bag was registered in the price of flour during December, 1939, the price on January 1, 1940, being \$9.10 per bag.

During December, arrivals of wheat from the interior compared with figures for November showed an increase, totalling some 100,000 piculs, but because of Japanese control, the local flour mills have ordered 7,000 tons (140,000 piculs) of American wheat through Bunge & Company, Sassoon House, Nanking Road. The,

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price of Chinese wheat on January 1, 1940 was \$15.50 per picul, showing an increase of \$1.70; American wheat, due to arrive during the latter part of February, is expected to cost approximately \$20.00 per picul.

According to the present rate of consumption the present stock of flour, plus that which can be milled from wheat already in Shanghai, is considered sufficient for a period of a little more than three months.

D. S.

D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S. 1, Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date, February 8, 1940

Subject. Stock of wheat and wheaten flour on February 1.

Made by. D. S. Henchman Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Local mills operated intermittently during January, 780,000 bags of flour being milled and 810,000 bags sold. Of the latter figure, some 680,000 bags were sold in the local market at an average rate of 22,000 bags daily; 130,000 bags were exported from Shanghai under S.M.C. permits, to ports in North and South China, the average rate being 4,200 bags daily.

During January, 1940, an increase of \$0.90 per bag was registered in the price of flour, the present price being \$10.00 per bag; the retail price in the local market ranges from \$10.30 to \$12.00 per bag.

During January, arrivals of domestic wheat from the interior were negligible. Of the 160,000 piculs of wheat owned by cereal hong's and stored in godowns in Shanghai, some 70,000 piculs were sold to Japanese merchants for milling; none, however, was purchased by Chinese mills in the Settlement. The price of wheat has risen to \$20.00 per picul.

One shipment of foreign wheat, totalling 140,000 piculs, ordered by the Fou Foong Flour Mill, arrived in Shanghai at the beginning of February. Approximately half of this consignment has been removed to the Fou Foong Mill on Mokanshan Road and the remainder is still aboard the vessel lying at buoys Nos. 13 and 14. Three more shipments of

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foreign wheat are due to arrive in February and March.

According to the current rate of consumption present stocks of flour, plus that which can be milled from wheat already in Shanghai, are considered sufficient for a period of two months.

Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai on February 1, 1940, are as follows :-

<u>Name of Holder</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Flour Mills	350,800 bags	119,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Flour Mills	121,000 "	8,500 "
Fou Foong & Sing Dah Flour Mills	250,200 "	208,000 "
Dealers and Shops	80,000 "	-
Cereal Hongs & Godowns	-	90,000 "
	802,000 bags	425,500 piculs
(Stock on January 1	865,000 "	923,000 ")

D. S.

D. S.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT

Date March 19, 1940.

Subject Domestic wheat situation.

Made by D.S. Houchan

Forwarded by Supt. J. Mason

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Average tax levied by guerillas per "tan"	\$1.00	-
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Cost on arrival in Shanghai :	\$8.80	\$8.76

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Prior to August, 1937.	\$6.00 - \$7.00

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1939 -harvest (June-October)	\$9.00-\$10.00
January, 1940 (Prior to Spring Festival)	\$20.00
February 2, 1940 (when the market re-opened after the Spring Festival)	\$29.00
Present	\$24.00 - \$25.00

Present Stocks

Existing stocks of domestic wheat,
excluding foreign stocks, are estimated at
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March 20, 1940.

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S. B. REGISTRY
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REPORT

Date March 14, 1940.

Subject... Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour in Shanghai on March 13, 1940.

Made by... D. C. Henckman Forwarded by... Supt. J. Kason

The following figures indicate stocks of wheat and wheaten flour in Shanghai on March 13, 1940.

Flour

Stocks in hand 234,910 bags

Wheat

Stocks in hand 200,000 piculs
(Approximately
1 picul = 1.9 bags
of flour)

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From the figures mentioned above, flour and wheat from which flour can be milled, a total of 380,000 bags of flour must be deducted in respect of future commitments and undelivered orders.

Four shipments, approximately 450,000 piculs, of foreign wheat are expected to arrive in Shanghai during the next few weeks.

D. C. Henckman

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REPORT

Date April 1, 1940Subject: Stock of Wheat and Flour in April 1.Made by: D. S. Venchman Forwarded by: J. I. Crawford

A shipment of foreign wheat containing some 100,000 piculs imported by the Foh Sing Flour Mills arrived in Shanghai from abroad early in March, 1940; another shipment of approximately the same quantity imported by the Foh Young Flour Mills arrived on March 31. Four other shipments, totalling more than 400,000 piculs, are expected during the course of the next few weeks.

The Foh Sing and Foh Young Flour Mills exported, under Shanghai Municipal Council permits, approximately 200,000 bags of flour during the months of February and March, 1940.

Name of Mill	Ships	
	Flour	Wheat
Foh Sing	200,000 bags	50,000 piculs
Foh Young & Sing	110,000 "	101,000 "
Hao Young	74,000 "	12,400 "
	434,000 bags	179,400 piculs

From the figures mentioned above, which when flour and wheat from which flour can be milled are considered, represent a total of some 770,000 bags of flour, 300,000 must be deducted in respect of future commitments and undelivered orders.

According to the flour mills, the present daily rate of sale from the mills is in the region

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of 7,000 to 8,000 bags. At this rate the supply is considered to be sufficient for two months.

In addition to stocks held by the flour mills, it is estimated that approximately 100,000 bags of flour are held by wholesale dealers and are stored in various godowns in the Settlement and French Concession.

Approximately 12,000 piculs of domestic wheat are stored in various godowns in the Settlement and French Concession and are owned by cereal dealers.

Prices

The present prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Wheat

Domestic wheat - \$25.00 per picul
Imported " - \$31.00 " "

Flour

Ex. flour mills - \$13.80 per bag
Flour held by
wholesale dealers- \$12.00 to \$13.50 per bag.

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FOH SING FLOUR MILLS.

CHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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421, Kiangse Road,

S'hai, May 3, 1940.

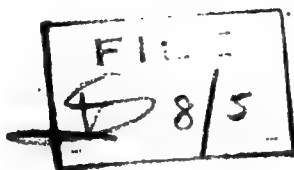
The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

Re: SHANGHAI WHEAT FLOUR CONDITION.

At the request of the Shanghai Flour Mill Owners' Association we are directed to submit the following statement which shows the Shanghai wheat flour condition at the end of April 1940:

<u>Flour Stocks:</u>	<u>Total in bags:</u>
Foh Sing Mill	295,000
Fou Fong Mill	120,000
Hwa Fong Mill	100,000
<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
Foh Sing Mill 120,000 piculs	
Fou Fong Mill 250,000 "	
Dealers' Hands 5,000 "	
Hwa Fong Mill 36,000 "	
471,000 piculs	
@ 2.1 bags	989,100
Grand total in flour	<u>1,504,100 bags</u>



Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.

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REPORT

Date May 7, 1940

Subject: Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour on May 1.

Made by D. S. I. Hide

Inspected by D. I. Crawford

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These stocks represent a total of approximately 1,400,000 bags of flour of which 300,000 bags are required to cover outstanding deliveries. Based on the present daily average sale of 10,000 bags, the balance of 1,100,000 bags is sufficient for about three and a half months.

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Prices

The present prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Wheat

Domestic - \$23.00 per picul

Imported - \$41.00 " "

Flour

Ex-mills - \$14.00 per bag.

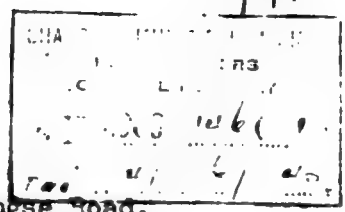
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421, Kiangse Road,
S'hai, May 31, 1940.

The Secretary,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
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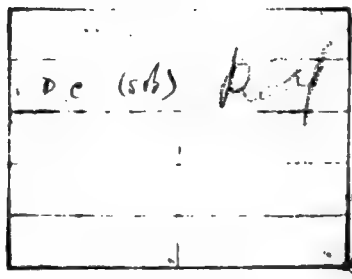
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<u>Wheat Stocks:</u>	
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Fou Foong Mill 160,000 "	
Hwa Foong Mill 50,000 "	
360,000 piculs @ 2.1 bags 756,000	
Grand total in flour	<u>1,196,000 bags</u>

Yours obediently,

FOH SING FLOUR MILLS CO.



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REPORT

Date June 6, 1940

Subject: Stock of wheat and wheaten flour.

Made by D.S.T. Wide

Forwarded by D. T. Crawford

Two shipments of foreign wheat, totalling some 190,000 piculs, imported by the Foh Sing and Fou Toong Flour Mills, arrived in Shanghai during May. No fresh orders for foreign wheat have been placed.

During the month, local flour mills produced some 550,000 bags of flour and sold 620,000 bags including 100,000 bags ordered during preceding months. Of the total sales, some 100,000 bags were exported from Shanghai to outports under export permits issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The following table shows the stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held by local flour mills on June 1, 1940 :-

Name of Mill	Flour	Wheat
Foh Sing	300,000 bags	180,000 piculs
Fou Toong and Sing Dah	90,000 "	160,000 "
Hwa Toong	50,000 "	50,000 "
	440,000 bags	360,000 piculs

The stock of flour held by the dealers and stored in various godowns in the Settlement and French Concession has been reduced from approximately 100,000 to 40,000 bags which consist chiefly of imported flour.

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The stocks held by the mills represent a total of approximately 1,150,000 bags of flour, of which some 150,000 bags are required to cover outstanding deliveries. Based on the present average daily sale of 15,000 bags, the balance of 1,000,000 bags is sufficient for a period of more than two months.

Shanghai's actual daily consumption is in the region of 10,000 bags and the balance is said to find its way by rail, road or junk to Soochow, Quinsan and Hangchow, or to North China by vessels using wharves in Japanese controlled areas.

The increase in unauthorized export is accounted for by the fact that until recently, flour has been arriving from mills operated by Sino-Japanese interests in Soochow and Wusieh, but these supplies have now ceased owing to the seasonal exhaustion of the wheat supply just prior to the first harvest, as a result of which flour is now being dispatched to these localities.

According to the managements of local flour mills, wheat has already been harvested in Soochow, Quinsan and Wusieh and is being sold at about \$20 per picul. Efforts by local wheat dealers to obtain wheat transportation permits from the Japanese authorities are said to have proved unsuccessful. Thus, for the time being, the extent

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to which Shanghai is likely to benefit from
the winterland harvest is problematical.

The present prices of wheat and flour
in Shanghai are as follows :-

Wheat

Domestic - stock exhausted.

Imported - \$40.00 per cicul.

Flour

Ex-mills - \$13.00 per bag.

Held by dealers - \$14.00 to \$16.00 per bag
(The latter price is charged
on outport purchases).

Shanghai

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
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Date 11 6 1940

Headquarters,
Shanghai Municipal Police.

June 8, 1940

To. Secretary & Commissioner General.

S. M. C.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:- D. 8439E/5(3)-1

Subject :- Stock of Wheat and Wheaten flour.

Enclosures Copy of a Police report.

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REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
J. I. Special Branch.
Date June 15, 1940.

REPORT

Subject.....Wheat Harvest of 1940.

Made by.....D.S.I. Wise, Forwarded by.....D.I. Crawford.

It is anticipated that this years wheat crop in the province of Henan, which has already been harvested, will yield between six and seven million piculs which represents a twenty per-cent increase over last year.

Information as to the harvest of wheat in Hupoh and Anhwei is not yet available. Since the outbreak of the current hostilities in 1937, no supplies have been received from these provinces.

Large quantities of wheat should have arrived in Shanghai from the producing areas in Henan but owing to the strict control of export by the Japanese authorities no consignments have arrived except small quantities smuggled to Shanghai from Nantien and other suburban cities, amounting to some 200 piculs which have been taken up by the Tso Fong (阜豐) and Tso Sing (福新) Flour Mills at 235.00 per picul.

The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha is the principal firm authorized by the Japanese authorities to purchase and transport wheat from the producing areas. Chinese dealers desiring to transport wheat from the interior, must apply to the M.B.K. for export permits which the latter obtain from the

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Japanese authorities, on condition that the Chinese dealers pay a security fee to the M.B.K. of \$1.00 per picul and that the wheat is sold either to the M.B.K. or to the San Shing (三 興) Flour Mill in Chapei (Japanese owned). Prices are to be fixed by the M.B.K. and it is understood, will be below the prevailing market rate. The security fee will be refunded. However, Chinese dealers are reluctant to follow this procedure and are negotiating with M.B.K. for the introduction of a system whereby the \$1.00 security fee will not be refunded and the dealers permitted to dispose of their imports in the local market. No satisfactory result has yet been forthcoming.

It has been learned that the Japanese Government has instructed the Japanese military authorities in China to collect 1,200,000 piculs of wheat in the producing areas in Kiangsu which is to be exported to Japan from Pukow, Nanking and Chinkiang.

Stocks in Shanghai

There are at present approximately 300,000 bags of flour and 320,000 piculs of wheat, capable of producing a further 600,000 bags of flour, held in stock by the local flour mills. Based on the present daily sale of some 15,000 bags, this stock

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is considered sufficient to last for a period of approximately two months.

The management of the local flour mills is of the opinion that should the efforts of the dealers to import supplies from the interior fail, the mills will have to suspend operations when the stocks of wheat on hand are exhausted. The importation of foreign wheat from abroad is inadvisable at present because of the lack of shipping facilities and the high price, which is over \$40.00 per picul or about \$21.00 per bag of flour.

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REPORT

Date July 8, 1940

Subject: Stock of Wheat and Wheaten Flour.

Made by: D.S.I. Logan

Forwarded by: D.I. Crawford

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The wheat and wheaten flour situation in Shanghai deteriorated during the month of June, 1940. Stocks have been greatly reduced and the flour mills in the Settlement have been operating intermittently since June 20, 1940, owing to lack of wheat supply.

During the month, approximately 20,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai from Wuhu, by a Japanese vessel and 40,000 piculs from the Changchow and Wusieh areas by rail. Some 10,000 piculs of the former quantity were sold to flour mills in the Settlement at \$24.50 per picul, while the remaining 50,000 piculs were secured by Japanese flour mills in Nantao, Hongkew and Chapel. So far, there is little hope that the flour mills in the Settlement can obtain large supplies in the near future from producing areas in the interior.

It is reported that the Foh Sing Flour Mill has ordered a shipment of 8,000 tons of foreign wheat through the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at \$31.00 per picul, but the responsible persons of the mill denied this and stated that the importation of foreign wheat was merely under consideration.

According to the managements of local flour mills, some 1,000,000 bags of flour were delivered from the mills since June 1. Some 500,000 bags of this amount were sold to local retail and wholesale dealers, 100,000 bags exported from Shanghai under

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export permits issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council while the remaining 400,000 bags were previously sold but not delivered until last month. (N.B. The amount of outstanding orders previously given by the mills was some 150,000 bags only.)

The present stocks held by the flour mills amount to approximately 120,000 bags of flour (consisting of flour and wheat from which flour can be produced.)

On June 29, arrangements were made by the Council with the local flour mills and dealers, whereby consignments of flour sold by the mills will be distributed to actual consumers by the two municipal administrations through Mr. T.K. Ho. The price of flour charged by the mill is \$15.20 per bag and the flour dealers are allowed a gross profit of 30 cents, therefore the consumers will have to pay \$15.50. The Foh Sing mill suspended the distribution of flour on July 5, but the Fou Foong mill continues the issue of some 6,000 bags a day, but is expected that the Fou Foong will also discontinue the distribution within the next few days.

In addition to the stocks held by the mills, approximately 20,000 bags of flour are at present held by the flour dealers and stored in the various godowns in the Settlement and French Concession.

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Flour produced by the Japanese flour mills both in Shanghai and in the interior is being sold in the local market but there are no figures available.

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Section I, Special Branch.

REPORT

Date: July 9, 1940.

Subject: Survey of the production of wheat in Central China and its appearance on Shanghai market, made by M.B.K.

Made by: D. S. Kamashita. Forwarded by: D. I. Crawford.

The following is a survey made by the local M.B.K. on May 25, 1940, of the production of wheat in Central China and its appearance on the Shanghai market this year :-

1. Survey on the production of wheat in Central China

<u>District</u>	<u>Percentage of Average crop</u>	<u>Appearance on Shanghai Market</u>
Shanghai-Nanking Railway	90%	7,500,000 "Tan"
Wuhu (蕪湖) District	80%	1,600,000 "
Pengpu (蚌埠) District	80%	900,000 "
Kompo (江北) District	80%	1,500,000 "

Total : 11,500,000 "Tan"

2,000,000 "Tans" of wheat is expected to be consumed by factories in districts in the interior. The quantity of wheat which is expected to appear on the Shanghai market will be approximately 9,500,000 "Tans" if there is no interference with the normal transport of this product.

(However, owing to the recent drought experienced in Central China and shortage of rice in rural districts, the quantity of wheat which is expected to appear on the Shanghai market is at present estimated at 6,500,000 "Tans".)

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2. Survey of the wheat required by flour mills in Shanghai for one year from June, 1940.

<u>Name of factory</u>	<u>Percentage of operation.</u>	<u>Wheat required</u>
San Shing (三興) Flour Mill	60%	3,000,000 "Tan"
Foh Sing (福新) Flour Mill	50%	3,300,000 "Tan"
Fou Foong (阜豐) Flour Mill	60%	3,300,000 "Tan"
Tung Foo (東福) Flour Mill	50%	600,000 "Tan"

Total : 10,200,000 "Tan"

Even if the wheat produced in Central China appears on the Shanghai market, the factories will experience a shortage of wheat of 3,700,000 "Tan" or 4,000,000 "Tan" which must be supplemented by imported wheat.

3. Quantity of wheat consumed by local flour mills during the period from April, 1939 to March, 1940

<u>Name of factory</u>	<u>Percentage of operation</u>	<u>wheat consumed</u>
San Shing (三興) Flour Mill	One third	2,000,000 "Tan"
Foh Sing (福新) Flour Mill	"	3,200,000 "Tan"
Fou Foong (阜豐) Flour Mill	"	3,000,000 "Tan"
Tung Foo (東福) Flour Mill	"	300,000 "Tan"
Total :		8,500,000 "Tan"

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About 3,500,000 "tans" of wheat produced in Central China appeared on the Shanghai Market while the remaining 5,000,000 "tans" of wheat was imported, mainly from Australia.

List of flour mills in ShanghaiJapanese

<u>Name of Mill</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Capacity of one days production</u>	<u>Previous name</u>
San Heing No. 1 Mill	Chapei	1,250 barrels	Foh Sing No. 6 Mill
San Heing No. 2 Mill	"	1,500 "	Foh Sing No. 3 Mill
San Heing No. 3 Mill	"	1,700 "	Yuh Tong (裕 通) Flour Mill
San Heing No. 4 Mill	"	1,100 "	Foh Sing No. 1 Mill
San Heing No. 5 Mill	"	650 "	Jung Heing (仲 興) Flour Mill
Tung Foo Flour Mill	Nantao	1,500 "	Sun Dah (申 大) Flour Mill
Hwa Yu (華 友) Flour Mill	Settle- ment	600 "	Jang Sung (江 興) Flour Mill
Total :		8,250 barrels	

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Foh Sing No. 2 Flour Mill	Settle- ment	4,000 barrels
Fou Poong No. 7 Flour Mill	"	" "
Foh Sing No. 8 Flour Mill	"	" "

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Hwa Foong (華豐) Flour Mill	Settlement	2,500 barrels
Fou Foong Flour Mill No. 1	"	1,250 "
Fou Foong New Mill	"	5,000 "
Sing Dah (信大) Flour Mill	"	<u>1,500 "</u>
	Total:	22,500 barrels
	Grand Total :	30,750 barrels

(N.B. One barrel = 4 bags of flour of 49 lbs each)

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Y. Hanawa, Esq.,
Chairman,
The Central China Flour Mills Association,
Shanghai.



Sir,

It is reported to the Council that arrangements have been made for the import of domestic wheat from the terrain surrounding Shanghai to the mills operating in the foreign areas subject to the Council addressing you and giving a guarantee that no domestic wheat or flour made from domestic wheat will be exported to the non-occupied areas of China and indicating what measures will be adopted to enforce the guarantee. A further request was that the Japanese Military Authorities should be kept informed from time to time of the quantity of wheat stored in the Settlement.

The Council hereby assures you that upon receipt of adequate supplies of domestic wheat the following steps will be taken.

The Council will, in cooperation with the Japanese authorities, forbid any export of domestic wheat or flour made from domestic wheat from premises within its jurisdiction, without a permit having been obtained from the Council or the Japanese authorities, which permit will not be issued until the Council's officers have first reached an agreement with the Japanese authorities regarding each case.

If the above arrangement is satisfactory to you, the Council will request the Customs Authorities and the Japanese Authorities to ensure that no shipments of native wheat or flour from the Settlement are allowed to leave their respective domains without a permit as above suggested.



Reports, as required, on the local wheat and flour situation will be furnished to the Japanese Authorities.

Should other measures be considered necessary the Council will be glad to consider them.

The Council hopes that through your efforts a scheme for regular and adequate supplies of domestic wheat for the foreign areas will result.

Finally the Council desires to avail itself of this opportunity to convey its thanks to you for the valuable information supplied to its Price Investigation Office.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. Godfrey Phillips

Secretary & Commissioner General.

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Section I, Special Branch *Admission*

REPORT

Date *August 7*, 19*40*

Subject *Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour.*

Made by *D. S. I. Logan.* Forwarded by *D. I. Crawford.*

The wheat and wheaten flour situation in Shanghai during the month of July, 1940, was still in an unsatisfactory condition. The flour mills in the Settlement continued to operate intermittently and only made reduced sales of their commodity.

During the month, the mills succeeded in purchasing approximately 150,000 piculs of wheat. The majority of this quantity was brought here from Wuhu by Japanese dealers and the remainder from the producing areas along Shanghai-Nanking Railway Line and subsequently sold to the Chinese mills. Negotiations are still in progress between the Chinese merchants and the Japanese authorities for permission to transport wheat from the producing areas.

It will be remembered that in the previous monthly report that the Foh Sing Mill was reported to have ordered a shipment of 8,000 tons of foreign wheat through the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. This has now been confirmed and the cereal is expected to arrive in Shanghai by the end of August.

According to the managements of the local flour mills, 200,000 bags of flour were sold during

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the month. Some 80,000 bags were exported from Shanghai under export permits issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council and it is estimated that about half of the quantity was delivered from the mills and the remainder removed from godowns.

The present stocks of wheat and flour held in the flour mills at the end of July, 1940, are as follows :-

<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Mills	30,000 bags	20,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	30,000 "	40,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	10,000 "	1,000 "
	70,000 bags	61,000 piculs

The system of distributing flour to actual consumers by the two municipal administrations through Mr. T.K. Ho, Deputy Secretary of the S.M.C., which started on June 29, 1940, was discontinued in July and the mills now carry out the distribution themselves.

The sales from the flour mills are at present not sufficient to meet local requirements, but the deficiency has been offset by quantities arriving in Shanghai from flour mills in Quinsah, Soochow, Wusieh, operated by Sino-Japanese interests. No figures of these imports are available but it is estimated that the arrivals

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for the last month are in the region of 140,000 bags. The rate of consumption in Shanghai is approximately 10,000 bags a day and includes that taken for industrial purposes.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Flour - ex-Mills \$15.00 per bag.

Wheat - \$21.50 per picul.

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[Signature]

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

*Re W. Y. - 1000 bags
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Price Investigation Office.
15th August 1940.

Dr. H. Pedersen,
Sir,

RE FLOUR SITUATION

Further to report dated August 13th 1940, 3 copies of wheat transportation permits issued by Japanese Military Authorities have received from the Central China Flour Mills Association details are as follows;

Hiwa & Co., 68 Canton Rd	2,000 Bags (90 kilos) from Wushih	\$65,000.00
Hiwa & Co., Ltd. 115 Kiangsee Rd	9,000 Bags " " Hanking	\$32,760.00
	450 Bags " " Yangchow	\$9,450.00
	<u>3,350 Bags</u>	<u>\$105,210.00</u>


H. Sajima
Health Inspector.

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Section I, Special Branch - 44

REPORT

Date September 3, 1940.

Subject... Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour.

Made by... and Forwarded by... D. S. I. Logan.

The situation regarding wheat and wheaten flour during the month of August, 1940, showed a little improvement when compared with that prevailing in July, owing to the arrival of a consignment of foreign wheat in Shanghai from abroad in addition to supplies of domestic wheat from the interior. A total of approximately 200,000 piculs of wheat arrived in Shanghai (foreign controlled areas south of Creek) during August, some 130,000 piculs of this amount being foreign imported by the Foh Sing Flour Mill while the remainder was domestic product.

The Foh Sing Flour Mill has ordered a further shipment of foreign wheat while the Fou Foong Mill has ordered two shipments, totalling approximately 360,000 piculs, which is due to arrive in Shanghai towards the end of September.

The flour mills situated in the International Settlement continued to operate intermittently. According to the respective managements, the mills sold some 250,000 bags of flour during the month of August, including 30,000 bags exported from Shanghai under export permits issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The present stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held in Shanghai at the end of August, 1940

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are as follows :-

<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Mills	30,000 bags	76,000 piculs
Fou Foong Mill	40,000 "	40,000 "
Hwa Foong Mill	6,000 "	17,000 "
	76,000 bags	133,000 piculs

Quantities of flour, produced by flour mills operated by Sino-Japanese interests in Wusieh, Quinsan and Soochow, continued to arrive in Shanghai from those places during August.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Flour - Ex-Mills \$15.00 per bag.
Wheat - Imported : \$33.00 per picul
Domestic : \$24.00 " "

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REPORT

Date October 5, 1940.

Subject Stocks of wheat and wheaten flour.

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

The local situation regarding wheat and wheaten flour during the month of September, 1940, remained about the same as was previously reported. Stocks of wheat held in the Settlement mills showed a slight increase, while the sale of Japanese milled flour in the foreign controlled area was prohibited by Japanese authorities.

Although quantities of domestic wheat continued to arrive in Shanghai, none was brought into the Settlement, all being taken up by the Japanese owned flour mills in Chapel. However, two shipments of approximately 220,000 piculs of foreign wheat, imported by the Foh Sing and Fou Foong Flour Mills, arrived in Shanghai in September. A further shipment of some 150,000 piculs, ordered by the Fou Foong Mills, is due to arrive here towards the end of November.

The flour mills situated in the International Settlement continued to operate intermittently. According to the respective managements, the mills sold in the local market some 230,000 bags of flour during the month under review, the amount of flour exported from Shanghai being negligible.

The stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held by the Settlement mills at the end of September, 1940, are as follows :-

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<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Mills	25,000 bags	100,000 piculs
Fou Fong Mill	40,000 "	100,000 "
Hwa Fong Mill	10,000 "	20,000 "
	<u>75,000 bags</u>	<u>220,000 piculs</u> (=400,000 bags of flour approx.)

According to the present rate of sales by the flour mills (some 8,000 bags a day), the above stocks are considered sufficient for a period of 59 days.

During the past few month, flour produced by Japanese operated mills in Chapei and in the interior made its appearance in Shanghai, both in the Japanese and foreign controlled areas, but in the beginning of September, 1940, the transportation of flour to Shanghai from the interior was prohibited by the Japanese authorities. Furthermore, flour produced by the Japanese owned mills in Chapei was also banned from entering the foreign areas.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Flour - Ex-mills \$16.50 per bag.

Black market quotation \$17.00 to \$18.00
per bag.

Wheat - Imported \$37.00 per picul

Domestic \$26.00 " "

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REPORT

Date November 8, 1940.

Subject Stocks of Wheat and Wheaten Flour

Made by D.S.I. Logan Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

The local situation regarding wheat and wheaten flour during the month of October, 1940, was unsatisfactory. No fresh supply of wheat, either domestic or imported, arrived in the Settlement and local flour mills operated intermittently with the stocks on hand. The Foh Sing and Hwa Foong Flour Mills have no more stocks of wheat and are awaiting the arrival of shipment of foreign wheat of some 120,000 piculs which is due to arrive on or about November 10.

The stocks of wheat and wheaten flour held by the Settlement mills are as follows :-

<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing Mills	70,000 bags	-
Fou Foong Mill	10,000 "	90,000 piculs
Hwa Foong Mill	30,000 "	-
	110,000 bags	90,000 piculs

During the past month, the mills sold approximately 210,000 bags of flour in the local market, the amount exported from Shanghai being negligible. According to the present rate of sales by the mills (some 7,000 to 8,000 bags a day), the above stocks are considered sufficient for a period of approximately five weeks.

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that some 1,000,000 bags of foreign flour have been ordered by the local flour dealers and are expected to arrive here in separate lots in the near future. In view of the foregoing, it is not expected that a shortage in the supply of flour ^{place} locally will take/within the next few months.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

- Flour - Ex-mills \$17.00 per bag.
Black market quotation \$18.00 to \$19.00 per bag.
- Wheat - Imported \$36.00 per picul.
Domestic \$26.00 per picul.

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REPORT

Date Dec. 7, 1940.

Subject Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Situation.

Made by D.S.I. Logan

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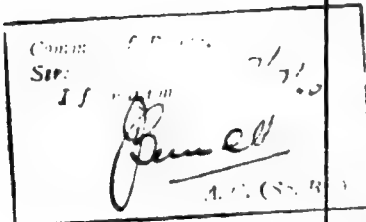
The local situation regarding wheat and wheaten flour during the month of November, 1940, continued to be unsatisfactory. No domestic wheat arrived in the Settlement but this commodity was delivered to the Japanese owned mills in Chapei. A shipment of Australian wheat, totalling some 100,000 piculs, which was ordered by the Foh Sing Flour Mill, arrived in Shanghai on November 16.

The stocks of wheat and flour held by the flour mills in the Settlement on December 1 are as follows :-

<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Foh Sing & Hwa Foong	10,000 bags	40,000 piculs
Fou Foong	30,000 "	-
	40,000 bags	40,000 piculs

The Foh Sing Flour Mill is operating intermittently while the Fou Foong Mill has suspended operations for the time being owing to lack of wheat. The present rate of sales from the mills is in the region of 8,000 bags a day, and the above mentioned stocks is considered sufficient for about two weeks.

Two further shipments of Canadian wheat have been ordered by the Foh Sing Flour Mill - one shipment amounting to 4,000 tons is due to arrive in January, 1941 and the other 7,000 tons is due to arrive in February, 1941.



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Because of the shortage of wheat on hand, the local needs must depend upon imported flour. It is estimated that some 1,200,000 bags of foreign flour have been ordered by local flour dealers and import firms. Approximately 200,000 bags arrived in Shanghai during November, and 150,000 bags, it is estimated, are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai, the majority being at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Broadway East.

It is expected that some 600,000 bags of foreign flour are due to arrive in Shanghai during the month of December. The following are the principal import firms dealing in flour :-

Kung Lee Company, 149 Szechuen Road.

L. Dreyfus & Co., 181 Kiangse Road.

Vee Dah Company, Room 248, 170 Kiangse Road.

Bunge & Company, Room 219, Sassoon House.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., 27 The Bund.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

Flour

Ex-mills	\$18.00 per bag.
Market price (Imported flour)	\$19.50 to \$21.00 per bag.

Wheat

Domestic	\$28.00 per picul.
Imported	\$41.00 " "

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REPORT

Date Dec. 16, 1940.

Subject Importation of Foreign Flour.

Made by and Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

The following principal import firms have submitted the following figures for foreign flour for December, 1940 :-

Already Arrived

L. Dreyfus & Co.	38,000 bags
Bunge & Co.	27,246 "
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	16,500 "
Kung Lee & Co.	20,408 "

102,154 bags

Due to arrive

L. Dreyfus & Co.	s.s. "G.S. Livanos"	188,000 bags
Bunge & Co.	s.s. "	188,500 "

376,500 bags

The Vee Dah Company, Room 248, 170 Kiangse Road, another import firm dealing in flour, refused to give their figures and referred the detective to Mr. T.K. Ho, Deputy Secretary of the S.M.C. It is also learned from the above import firms that approximately 400,000 bags are expected to arrive here during January, 1941.

C. Crawford
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REPORT

Date January 8, 1941.

Subject.....Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Situation.

Made by.....and.....Forwarded by.....D.I. Crawford.

The local situation regarding wheat and wheaten flour during the month of December, 1940, continued to be unsatisfactory. No domestic wheat arrived in the Settlement but this commodity continued to arrive at the Japanese owned mills in Chapei. A shipment of Canadian flour, totalling some 800,000 bags, which was ordered by local flour dealers and import firms, arrived in Shanghai during December. Out of this amount, some 400,000 bags were sold locally while the remainder is now stored in the various godowns in Shanghai, the majority being in the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Godown, Broadway East. Furthermore, 6,700 tons of Canadian wheat was imported in December and a further shipment of some 10,000 tons is expected to arrive in February, 1941.

The stocks of wheat and flour held by the flour mills in the Settlement on January 1, 1941, are as follows :-

<u>Flour Mill</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Roh Sing	50,000 bags	2,000 tons
Hwa Boong & Fou Boong	-	-
	50,000 bags	2,000 tons

The Roh Sing Flour Mill is operating intermittently while the Fou Boong Mill suspended operations two months ago owing to the lack of wheat. The present rate of sales from the Roh Sing is in the region of 3,000 bags a day, and the above mentioned stock is considered sufficient for about one month.



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The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

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Ex-mills	\$21.50 per bag
Market price (Imported flour)	\$24.00 " "

Wheat

Domestic	\$30 to \$33 per picul
Imported	\$39.00 " "

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REPORT

Date *Feb. 6, 1941.*Subject *Wheat and Wheaten Flour - Situation.*and *Forwarded by D.I. Crawford*

There is little to report concerning the local wheat and wheaten flour situation; the position locally remains about the same as was previously reported. The stocks held by the Foh Sing Flour Mills are some 10,000 bags of flour and 20,000 picule of wheat which is capable of producing approximately 40,000 bags of flour, while the stock held by the Fou Fong is negligible. The Foh Sing Mill expects a fresh shipment of foreign wheat, totalling some 100,000 picule, on or about February 9, 1941.

According to arrangements made through the Council, the Foh Sing Mill sells some 5,000 bags of flour per day and the Fou Fong Mill 1,000 bags, to bona-fide consumers, through the medium of authorized flour dealers.

A total of 50,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad during the month of January. Approximately 200,000 bags of foreign flour, it is estimated, are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai, in addition to the stocks held by the flour mills. A further 400,000 bags are expected to arrive here during the current month.

The prevailing prices of wheat and flour are as follows :-

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Ex-mills \$23.00 per bag, plus \$0.30 commission for the authorized flour dealer.

Market price of imported flour: \$24.90 to \$25.40 per bag.

Wheat

Domestic: \$32.00 per picul.

Imported: \$37.00 " "

C. G. Gansford

D. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)

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Rice and Flour Situation.

The present situation concerning future supplies and sales of rice locally is considered decidedly unfavourable to both dealers and consumers who have openly expressed a nervousness as to the future.

Recently market prices of rice have soared to unprecedented heights as holders of rice are reported to be clinging tenaciously to their stocks. Reasons advanced for this situation may be said to be (a) owing to the tense political situation existing in the Far East which fact is effecting sources of supply to Shanghai and (b) increase in C.I.F. owing to limited space on the few ships now transporting cargo to Shanghai.

Regarding sales of foreign rice no sales have been made in the Rice Market, 515 Poochow Road, during the past few days, owing to the holders being unwilling to dispose of their stocks at prices fixed by the Rice Price Adjustment Committee, which were approved by the S.M.C. However, black market dealings are reported to have been secretly made between dealers both inside and outside the market at prices ranging from \$8 to \$10 a sar above the fixed prices. Discreet enquiries and careful observation in this connection have however failed to elicit any concrete evidence, owing to the dealers

conducting these transactions speaking in terms known only to themselves and, the parties concerned treating the deals as personal and confidential.

The retailers of rice have not raised the authorized fixed price of rice but to meet the situation have reduced the quality of the rice by mixing it with an inferior quality.

The sales of "Kan Mee" and "Nui Mee" are transacted openly, as prices are not restricted by the Rice Price Adjustment Committee.

Examination of the figures, to date 5/3/41, pertaining to stocks of rice on hand, all kinds, show that there are about 700,000 "sars" stored in various godowns and rice shops in the Settlement and French Concession and some 200,000 "sars" stored in godowns in Hongtung, making a total of 900,000 "sars" = 720,000 bags. In this connection it is estimated that 99% of this stock has been imported to Shanghai from Indo-China, Burma, Siam, and a small quantity from Hongkong, the remaining 1% is brought to Shanghai by various methods.

The lack of importation of large quantities of rice from the interior to Shanghai is said to be due to its prohibition of transportation by the

Japanese Authorities controlling the outside areas.

Regarding the consumption of the stock on hand it is considered that there is a sufficient supply to last Shanghai for about 3 months. The rate of consumption being in the region of 10,000 "Zars" a day. However, from figures on hand it will be noticed that supplies of rice to the interior have increased, which fact, if allowed to continue will have the effect of further reducing the estimated period of consumption (i.e. 3 months) of the present stock. Examination of permits issued by the Municipal Authorities in respect of transportation of rice from the Settlement to the border show as follows :-

That 21,087 bags were transported in December, 1940.

That 29,231 bags were transported in January, 1941.

That 40,702 bags were transported in February, 1941.

That 6,118 bags were transported between March 1 and 5, 1941.

In addition to the foregoing there is a strong indication and every reason to believe that supplies from Kiating and Hongkew to the interior have considerably increased during the last month, more especially during the last week.

This information cannot be definitely confirmed owing to dealers conducting such "interior transaction" which gives them a bigger margin of profit, in secret.

Purchases of small quantities of rice of less than one "sar" are daily leaving the Settlement. Such purchases are being made by residents of Footing and those living in the environs of Shanghai.

Regarding future supplies of rice, it is learned that there is considerable difficulty in executing orders placed owing to limited shipping space. At present orders have been given for the importation of 400,000 bags to Shanghai for the month of March and April by dealers who, however, as stated, are not sure that their orders will be shipped.

A representative of the Kien Guan Co., an import firm at Room ¹¹⁰/Hamilton House, gave the following reasons for the increased buying price of foreign rice :

- (A) The principle reason for the increase in the buying price is due to the increase in freight charges and
- (B) The exportation of No.1 and No.2 Saigon rice from Indo-China was banned on February 3, 1941.

The following tables show the present buying price of the various grades of rice and prices fixed by the Rice Price Adjustment Committee with the approval of the S.M.C. The figures given as buying prices, which fluctuate, should be considered as approximate :-

	<u>Buying Price</u>	<u>Fixed Market Price</u>
Rangoon Rice	\$100.00 per bag or \$ 80.00 per sar.	
	Plus 10% loss of weight, storage, etc. = <u>\$88.00</u> per sar.	\$76.00 per sar.
Siamese	\$110.00 per bag or \$88.00 per sar.	
	Plus 10% loss of weight, storage, etc. = <u>\$94.80</u> per sar.	\$85.00 per sar.
Broken Saigon rice.	\$80.00 per bag or \$64.56 per sar.	
	Plus 10% loss of weight, storage, etc. = <u>\$71.81</u> per sar.	\$67.00 per sar.

It will be noted that no price is given in respect of No.1 and 2 Saigon Rice.

Flour Situation

(a) Local flour mills

The Fou Poong Flour Mills is not operating at present owing to lack of supplies of wheat. The Fou Sing Flour Mills operate intermittently with

imported wheat. No domestic wheat from the interior is available for mills in the Settlement owing to strict control of transportation by Japanese authorities. Supplies of wheat en route to the Settlement are seized by the Japanese authorities and directed for delivery to flour mills operating in the area around Shanghai under the control of the Japanese.

The Foh Sing Mills have at present a stock of some 100,000 piculs of Canadian wheat, which arrived here on March 4 by the s.s. "Don Jose". This supply will produce approximately 200,000 bags of flour.

The Foh Mills are now selling approximately 2,000 to 3,000 bags a day to bona-fide consumers and foodshops in the Settlement, north and south of the Wooshow Creek, and French Concession, through arrangements made by the S.M.C., at fixed prices of \$23.00 per bag, plus \$0.30 commission for authorized wholesalers. It is estimated that there is a sufficient stock of flour to last for about two months at the present rate of sale. However, an increase in price is anticipated in the near future as the present fixed prices do not allow for a sufficient margin of profit to the mill owners.

(b) Imported flour

In order to meet local needs, flour dealers and import firms placed orders for supplies of foreign

flour some four months ago, in consequence of which 1,500,000 bags have been imported.

The present stock of hand, it is estimated, is in the region of 500,000 bags. This stock is stored in godowns at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Broadway East, and at the Butterfield & Swire Wharf, Woetung.

Future supplies for the month of March of approximately 300,000 bags have been ordered by local flour dealers and import firms.

The price of foreign flour prevailing in the local market is around \$28.50 per bag.

The present rate of daily consumption of flour by the local community may be said to be between 3,000 and 10,000 bags.

Flour milled at mills in the Japanese controlled area is sold in the Settlement, north of the Szechow Creek only.

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REPORT

S.1, Special Branch. ~~Station~~ File No. Date April 7, 1941.

SUBJECT: Wheat and Wheaten Flour Situation.

(A) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Fong Flour Mill remains idle owing to lack of wheat supply, whilst the Foh Sing Flour Mill is continuing operations with imported wheat on hand. The Foh Sing Mill has at present a stock of some 60,000 piculs of wheat, which will produce approximately 120,000 bags of flour.

In accordance with arrangements made by the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Foh Sing Flour Mill on March 8 commenced selling 5,873 bags of flour per day to actual consumers and food shops in the Settlement and French Concession, at a cheap rate of \$25.00 plus \$0.30 commission for the authorized wholesalers through whom the flour is sold. This sale will last until about April 25, 1941, when a total of 250,000 bags ^{will} have been disposed of.

A further shipment of Canadian wheat has been ordered by the Foh Sing Mill and is now awaiting transportation to Shanghai, there being considerable difficulties in obtaining cargo space.

(B) Imported flour

During the month of March, 1941, approximately 400,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad, making a total of 1,900,000 bags imported since November last year. Approximately 300,000 bags are at present stored in various godowns in the Settlement and French Concession, including 80,000 bags at the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf, Broadway East.

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Some 200,000 bags, owned by Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, are stored at the Hung Shing Wharf, Pootung.

Future supplies of approximately 1,000,000 bags of foreign flour have been ordered by local flour dealers and import firms, and some 300,000 bags of this quantity are due to arrive here during the month of April.

The price of imported flour prevailing in the local market is between \$28 and \$29 per bag.

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April 29, 1941.

Rice and Flour Situation

The rice situation in Shanghai remains unfavourable, in spite of the large stock of rice on hand and fresh supplies continuing to arrive. The market prices of rice have soared continuously during the past fortnight, as holders of rice are reported to be clinging tenaciously to their stocks, whilst the retailers and consumers show a keen demand for the cereal. This situation is due to the tense political situation existing in the Far East and the increase in freight charges for transportation of rice to Shanghai (the freight charge from Rangoon to Shanghai is said to be 200 shillings per ton as against 120 shillings per ton about a month ago.)

The following table shows the increases in the price of rice during the past two weeks :-

	<u>Kan Woo</u>	<u>Saigon Rice</u>
April 10	\$112.00 to \$122.00	\$109.00 to \$115.00
April 15	\$115.00 to \$124.00	\$115.00 to \$119.00
April 19	\$118.00 to \$128.50	\$120.00 to \$124.00
April 23	\$125.50 to \$136.00	\$129.60 to \$135.20
April 29	\$130.00 to \$140.00	\$132.00 to \$138.00

On April 17, the Rice Market Control Committee, in compliance with the instructions of the S.W.C. fixed the maximum prices for the various grades of rice. However, these fixed prices were only nominally observed by the dealers in the Rice Market, who secretly charging an "allowance" in addition to the fixed price, the highest "allowance"

charged being \$12.80 per "zar". This practice came to an end on April 28, 1941, when the fixed prices were removed by order of the S.M.C., on the re-opening of the four government banks.

Examination of figures to date April 29, 1941, pertaining to the stocks of rice in Shanghai shows that there are about 964,000 "zars" stored in various godowns and rice shops in the Settlement and French Concession, and some 312,500 "zars" in godowns at Pootung, making a total stock of 1,276,000 "zars" equivalent to 1,020,800 bags. It is estimated that almost 99% of this stock is foreign rice, having been imported to Shanghai from Indo-China, Burma, Siam and also from Hongkong, whilst the remaining 1% is native rice, brought to Shanghai by various methods.

The rate of consumption in Shanghai is estimated to be around 10,000 "zars" a day, whilst the daily sales in the Rice Market is approximately 8,000 "zars". This difference, it is believed, is not disposed of in the Rice Market but distributed direct to the consumers on the "mass purchase scheme" or direct to retail shops where the rice hongs and retail shops are under the same ownership.

At the above rate of consumption, the present stock on hand in Shanghai is considered sufficient to last about four months for local requirements, but when taking into consideration the quantities of rice leaving Shanghai for the interior, chiefly from

stocks in godowns in Pootung and Hongkew (detailed particulars unavailable), the period of consumption mentioned above will be reduced pro rata.

Regarding future supplies of foreign rice, it is reported that orders have been placed for the importation of 350,000 bags of foreign rice which is due to arrive in Shanghai in May. The prices charged by the import firms for these orders are as follows :-

Saigon No.1	\$133.00 to \$149.00 per bag.
Saigon No.2	\$123.80 per bag.
Rangoon Rice	\$145.00 to \$156.50 per bag.

Wheat and Wheaten Flour

(a) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokanshan Road, remains idle at present owing to lack of supplies of wheat. The Foh Sing Flour Mills are continuing operations with imported wheat, and have the following stocks on hand :-

30,000 bags of flour.
80,000 piculs of wheat, just arrived.

A further shipment of 6,000 tons of Canadian wheat (approximately 100,000 piculs) has been ordered by the Foh Sing Mill for the month of May.

The cheap sale of 250,000 bags of flour by the Foh Sing Mill to bona fide consumers and feed shops at the price of \$25.30 per bag, will be completed to-day, April 29. Arrangements for further sales will be discussed later.

(b) Imported Flour

During the month of April, approximately 500,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad, making a total of approximately 2,400,000 bags imported since November, last year. Some 600,000 bags of foreign flour are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai.

Further orders for 1,000,000 bags of foreign rice have been placed, and some 400,000 bags of this quantity are due to arrive here during the month of May.

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Date June 12, 1941.

SUBJECT: Flour Situation

(a) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, 126 Mokenshan Road, remains idle at present owing to lack of supplies of wheat. The Foh Sing Flour Mills are continuing operations with imported wheat and have the following stocks on hand :-

20,000 bags of flour

150,000 piculs of wheat, including 110,000 piculs (= 7,000 tons) of Canadian wheat arriving here on May 23.

During the month of May, 160,000 bags of flour were sold by the Foh Sing Mill to bona fide consumers and food shops at a cheap price of \$19.00 per bag. The cheap sale is being continued.

(b) Imported Flour

During the month of May, approximately 700,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad, making a total of approximately 3,150,000 bags imported since November, last year. Some 1,150,000 bags of foreign flour are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai.

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S.1 Special Branch ~~Station~~ File No. Date July 3, 1941.SUBJECT: Flour Situation(a) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Foon Flour Mill, 120 Lokanshan Road, remains idle at present owing to lack of supplies of wheat. The Foh Sing Flour Mills are continuing operations with imported wheat and have the following stocks on hand :-

50,000 bags of flour, including 20,000 bags at the end of May.

30,000 to 40,000 piculs of wheat. No wheat was imported during the month of June.

During June no orders were placed for fresh supplies of foreign wheat, but a shipment of about 3,000 tons of wheat previously ordered is expected to arrive here at the end of August from Canada.

During the month of June, 180,000 bags of flour were sold by the Foh Sing Mill to bona fide consumers and food shops at a cheap price of \$29.00 per bag. The cheap sale was discontinued on July 1 due to the high cost of wheat, \$62 per picul. (A picul of foreign wheat can produce two bags of flour). To-day's price of flour is from \$32.20 to \$34.00 per bag.

(b) Imported Flour

During the month of June, approximately 200,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad, making a total of approximately 3,300,000 bags imported since November, last year. Some 1,200,000 bags of foreign flour are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai.

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S.1 Special Branch ~~Stations~~ File No. Date August 12, 1941.

SUBJECT: Flour Situation

(a) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Fong Flour Mill, No.126 Lokanehan Road, remains idle at present owing to lack of supplies of wheat. The Poh Sing Flour Mills, which had been continuing operations with imported wheat, also suspended work temporarily from July 29th due to exhaustion of their stocks, but are expected to resume operations as soon as fresh supplies of wheat are received.

During July, no fresh supplies of foreign wheat reached Shanghai nor were any new orders placed. The present quotation for foreign wheat is approximately \$70 per picul.

During the month of July, 120,000 bags of flour were sold by the Poh Sing Flour Mills, including their stock of 50,000 bags of flour held at the end of June. The present price of flour is from \$33 to \$34 per bag.

The cheap sale of flour, which was discontinued on July 1 due to high cost of wheat, was not resumed throughout the month.

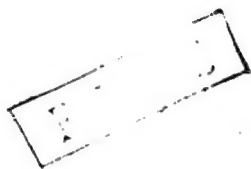
(b) Imported Flour

During the month of July, approximately 350,000 bags of foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad, making a total of approximately 3,650,000 bags imported since November last year. Some 1,350,000 bags of foreign flour are at present stored in various godowns in Shanghai.

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S.1, Special Branch, ~~SECRET~~ File No.

Date October 13, 1941.

SUBJECT: Flour Situation(a) Local Flour Mills

The Fou Foong Flour Mill, No. 126 Mokanshan Road, and the Foh Sing Flour Mills remain idle at present due to lack of supplies of wheat.

The 2,000 tons of foreign wheat, which arrived in Shanghai from abroad on August 31, are still in the hands of some local cereal hongs which ordered this consignment.

No fresh orders for foreign wheat have been placed.

(b) Imported Flour

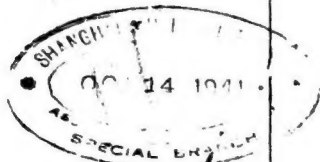
During September, no foreign flour arrived in Shanghai from abroad. Of the 1,200,000 bags of foreign flour held in stock at the end of August, 200,000 bags were sold during the month of September, while another 200,000 bags were shipped to Tientsin by Japanese merchants, leaving a stock of 800,000 bags held in various godowns in Shanghai at the end of the month.

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